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HONG KONG IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS

Eight Hong Kong residents appear in the New Year Honours List published yesterday, including two women, Lady Pollock and Miss Susan Frances Sutton.

Shek Tui, who appears little in the public eye, but is the Colony's outstanding Chinese detective, is awarded the Colonial Police Medal.

The full list is as follows:

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Pauline, Lady Pollock,
M.B.E.
Miss Susan F. Sutton.
Leslie Brewer,
Captain V.C. Branson, M.C.
C.S.M. P. E. Backett,
Colonial Police Medal.
Principal Chinese Detective Shek Tui.
The full list will be found in Page Nine.

Writing On The Wall

"If a colloquialism is permissible in the circumstances, last night President Roosevelt spat in Hitler's eye," says the St. Louis "Post-Despatch" commenting on the President's broadcast.

The paper continues: "This great, rich, powerful and virile nation is not going to fall over and play dead, now or hereafter, to Hitler or anyone else."

Only regret of the Seattle "Times" is that the President "did not say he would ask Congress for a declaration of war."

"The speech means just one thing. It is like the ancient writing on the wall. It may take him months to realise it, but Herr Hitler is through."—Reuter.

R.A.F. ON DAYLIGHT RECONNAISSANCE

No Royal Air Force operations were carried out over Europe during the night of December 31. British reconnaissance raids were carried out in daylight.—Reuter.

DYNAMITE IS TO BE USED TO MAKE THE "CITY" OF LONDON SAFE. HUNDREDS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS AND PIONEERS ARRIVED WITHIN THE HISTORIC SQUARE MILE AREA YESTERDAY TO SPEED UP THE WORK OF DEMOLITION, NECESSITATED BY THE NAZIS' WITCHES' SABBATH OF FIRE AND DESTRUCTION.

The ruins of many structures stand in a dangerous condition and the engineers have been ordered to use dynamite where necessary.

This fate awaits many an historic church or hall whose walls withstood the winds of centuries.

As the list of devastation is compiled there comes to light the destruction of yet another building, famous wherever men go down to the sea in ships—Trinity House, on Tower Hill, the home of the Trinity Brethren, who for centuries cared for buoys, beacons and light-houses which gave safe and sure guidance to ships approaching or passing the coasts of Britain.

Last night, 72 hours after the Nazis' wanton and indiscriminate onslaught, the work of clearing up was still proceeding steadily and methodically. Every fire was long since under control, yet here and there, in the square mile of the City, I found pumps, which have hardly ceased to turn since Sunday night, still belching water on to heaps of debris under which a few timbers still tenaciously smouldered. I have seen many pictures of the havoc wrought by bombers—pictures from Madrid of the Spanish Civil War, pictures from China and, more recently, from Poland.

Hard To Believe

In Newgate Street, not 10 minutes walk from my office, I saw last night destruction that is hard to believe could ever happen here. On either side and practically from end to end is a street of skeleton buildings.

The road itself, empty of all traffic, swept and strangely clean under foot, stretches between walls standing sometimes fantastically alone and unsupported.

Here and there, while buildings seem to be rising, giving strange and unexpected glimpses of buildings in the streets beyond.

In this atmosphere of wasteful ruin, the voices of the demolition workers seem almost instinctively to be hushed.

Such was Newgate Street yesterday evening.

Business As Usual

Yes, within a few yards from us at the entrance, the City was carrying on its business as usual. Shops within a stone's throw of the heap of charred ruins were selling their wares. A row of clerks in offices without a falling leaf and a steady stream of passers-by made its way through the scarred thoroughfare. Harshly lit, to right and left, it is not only consumers them-

selves who are participating in the work of demolition, the first step towards building anew.

Those who live in distant colonies have played their helping part.

In Hong Kong, Mauritius, Aden, the Bahamas—in fact in every colony—the people have since the outbreak of the war subscribed canteens for use in air-raid emergencies, each canteen inscribed with the name of the colony which gave it.

In the City of London's greatest emergency, these canteens have been doing untiring service providing hot food and drinks for the tireless fire workers.

The City has "taken it" and is carrying on without hitch or interruption in tens of thousands of undamaged offices and business premises.—Reuter.

AMERICAN FLEET AT READY

For the first time in 20 years, the United States' Fleet will not engage in large-scale manoeuvres this year.

Instead, it will be retained as a unit in Hawaiian waters and probably will remain there until the international situation has definitely improved.

EVERY BATTLE UNIT OF THE FLEET HAS BEEN OVERHAULED AND IS READY FOR INSTANT ACTION IN ANY EMERGENCY. NO MATTER HOW SUDDEN.—REUTER.

MAN OF THE YEAR

Mr. Churchill has been selected "Man of the Year" for 1940 by the weekly magazine "Time."

This designation is given every year by the editors to the man or woman who has effected the most dramatic change in the course of history during the past year.

"Time" had for Man of the Year for 1938, Hitler, and for 1939, Stalin.—Reuter.

HITLER-PETAINE PARLEYS: RUPTURE REPORTED

THE VICHY GOVERNMENT AND GERMANY HAVE BROKEN OFF NEGOTIATIONS IT WAS REPORTED IN LISBON YESTERDAY.

No confirmation of the breakdown has, however, been received in London and in authoritative quarters it was pointed out that all reports of this character should be treated with reserve.

Marshal Petain's firm action in sending units of the French Fleet to North Africa has baffled Hitler, according to the independent French news agency.

When Hitler demanded an explanation of the move, he had been satisfied with the answer

that the ships were needed to protect the French Empire against General de Gaulle. The agency adds the ships' departure emphasises Marshal Petain's determination to make Germany strictly respect the spirit of the Armistice.—Reuter.



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WHAT ARE HITLER'S PLANS?

Invasion

FOUR ITALIAN SUPPLY VESSELS SUNK

A British warship sank four Italian supply vessels in the Adriatic on Tuesday morning, according to press reports received in Belgrade. The vessels were carrying heavy guns and motor-lorries.

The attack took place off the point where the Albanian and Yugoslav frontiers join.

Most of the Italian crews reached the shore, it is added.—Reuter.

This Winter Still Thought Doubtful

Diplomatic Plans Run Into Snags

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

WHAT ARE HITLER'S PLANS? IN MY OPINION, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT HITLER WILL ATTEMPT THE INVASION OF THE BRITISH ISLES THIS WINTER, PARTLY OWING TO THE IMMENSE DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE SEA AND WEATHER AND PARTLY BECAUSE HIS DIPLOMATIC PLANS FOR OUR ENCIRCLEMENT ARE NOT YET COMPLETE.

If Hitler does try an invasion within the next three months, it will be proof of his desperate need for a quick decision.

His object certainly is to strike at Britain but while he is concentrating by sea and air to interfere with and even smash our communications, especially across the Atlantic, it seems he is fighting a political and diplomatic campaign in Europe with the object of assembling overwhelmingly powerful diplomatic combinations against us before launching his armies.

By occupying Rumania, he possesses himself of Black Sea ports from which he can threaten Bulgaria, Russia and Turkey.

To all facts and purposes, he has occupied Hungary.

Hitler's aim is to impress all the Balkan Powers, including Yugoslavia, so that they will acquiesce in his unopposed advance into the Mediterranean next Spring, but the necessity of rescuing Mussolini may force him to act sooner.

Hitler's Schemes

On his west wing, Hitler is evidently trying to force France to agree to his advance to the Mediterranean with the use of the French Fleet and what remains of the Italian Fleet.

Spain was also to be brought into this great scheme, her Atlantic ports placed at the disposal of Germany, and Gibraltar was to be attacked.

If this diplomatic plot succeeded in its entirety, Hitler would undoubtedly have put Germany in a very strong position.

This plan would cut one of Britain's main arteries through the Mediterranean and increase the seriousness of the threat to the Atlantic artery from submarine and air attacks.

Britain would be considered ripe for invasion.

These far-reaching diplomatic scheme hatched in Berlin have, however, received a severe setback.

The Greek successes, our Fleet actions at Taranto and elsewhere in the Mediterranean, and finally the crushing defeat of the Italians in Libya have altered the atmosphere to our advantage.

The Italian defeats and the encouragement given by Russia have emboldened Bulgaria

ATHENS COMMUNIQUE

An Athens communique yesterday stated: "During successful local operations we captured eight guns, much material and some prisoners, and an Italian tank attack was repulsed. One tank was captured."—Reuter.

to adopt a firmer attitude.

Yugoslavia also seems more ready to adopt a more independent attitude.

Turkey, who always stood firm as Britain's friend and ally, is now strengthened to invite Bulgaria to come into a Balkan League for the mutual security of all these south-eastern European countries.

With Italy tottering and these tendencies growing in the Balkans, there is good reason to hope that Hitler's plans for the employment of his eastern wing will receive a check, while our victories have done much to shatter his plans on his western wing, as the firmer attitude of the French Government and the more friendly attitude of General Franco show.

Atlantic Struggle

There remains our struggle in the Atlantic.

The help and friendship of the United States may be the last of the British assets to be mentioned, but it is far the greatest.

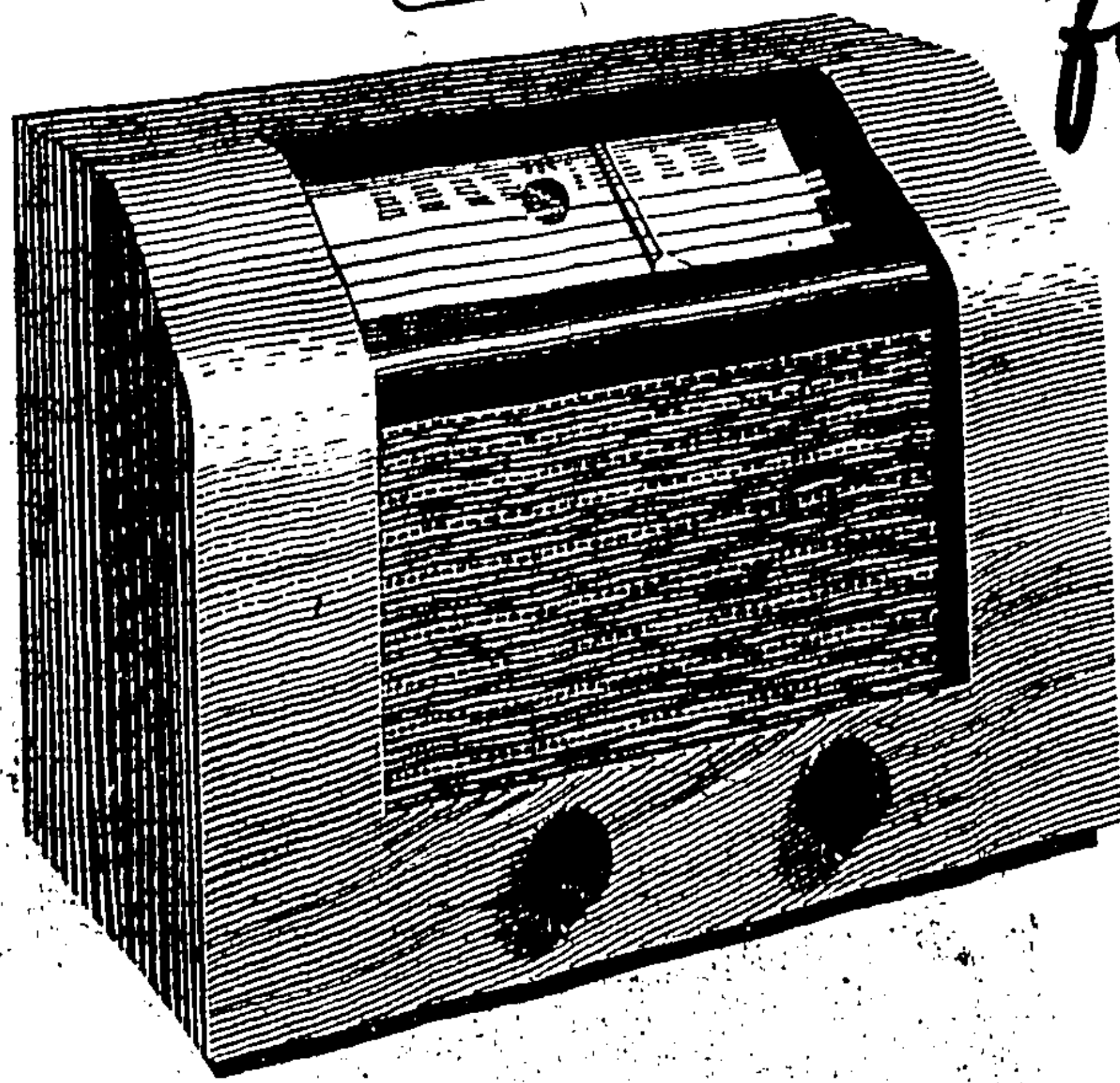
President Roosevelt's speech leaves no doubt as to the powerful aid the United States is giving and will give to the cause of decent living and freedom for which we fight.

If Hitler moves in the Spring against the Balkans, very large British forces could be at hand to support the Balkan League in this perhaps final struggle against Nazi tyranny and slavery.

The fate of Europe has been decided before now on the plains of Hungary and under the walls of Vienna. It may well be so again.—Reuter.

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GENERAL SMUTS SAYS U.S. MUST JOIN IN

THE ALLIED VICTORIES DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1940 WOULD HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT IN 1941, DECLARED GENERAL SMUTS, PREMIER OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN A NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD BROADCAST FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

General Smuts added that world opinion no longer regarded a German victory as certain or even probable.

Asserting that Hitler must seek a decision in 1941, General Smuts said that Hitler was going to stake his fortune on a successful invasion of Britain. There would be no object in delaying the attack as the longer the attack is delayed the stronger the defence would become. It might come very soon in the New Year and in any case was not likely to be delayed beyond 1941.

When the attack did come, Hitler would put all the vast strength of his incomparable war machine into it.

Life And Death

For him, said General Smuts, it would be a question of life and death. He would not be a victor but a conqueror. The whole world would be at his feet. He would be the master of the world.

General Smuts proceeded: "Under the great and inspiring leadership of President Roosevelt, America will, once more, freely and of her own choice, dedicate herself to the greatest of human causes."

"In the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, she will once more take her rightful place among the champions of the free world against the slave world."

"Deeply as America desires to keep out of this war, they will find the necessity laid upon them and in the last resort they will not let freedom perish from the face of the earth."

"I feel assured American intervention is necessary for victory and for the peace that has shaped the character of the world. The world must pass through this order to salute a new mankind."—Reuter.

BIG GUNS THUNDER AT BARDIA DAY AND NIGHT

RAIDS ON GAZALA, TOBRUK

Heavy R.A.F. bombers raided Italian landing grounds at Gazala and Tobruk during Sunday night, it was announced by R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo.

A number of fires were started at Gazala followed by large explosions, all bombs falling in the target area. Intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered at Tobruk but the attack was pressed home and all aircraft returned safely.

The communiqué adds that British fighters maintained standing patrols throughout Monday while a number of successful reconnaissances were made over the Bardia-Tobruk area.

On the Greek front two Italian planes were shot down into the sea.

An offensive reconnaissance was carried out over a large area of Somaliland, buildings alongside the landing ground at Seilah being bombed and considerably damaged.

Raid On Malta

South African fighters machine-gunned aircraft dispersed on Bardia aerodrome, in Somaliland, one Italian bomber being totally destroyed by fire and others severely damaged.

Italian bombers, escorted by fighters, raided Malta on Monday but no material damage was caused, and casualties were two children slightly wounded.

It is now known that two more Italian aircraft were shot down during the engagement in Libya mentioned in Sunday's communiqué.—Reuter.

Italians Well And Truly Beleaguered

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Advanced Headquarters outside Bardia)

Big guns thundering throughout the night, their flashes illuminating the sky, and short but intense patrol skirmishes make this Battle of Bardia a more active affair than would appear from the restrained daily communiqués.

The 20,000 Italians besieged in Bardia seem to be well and truly beleaguered now that our outposts finally control the coast between Bardia and Tobruk, while our patrols are regularly operating in the area south of Tobruk, about 75 miles inside Libya.

Bardia certainly is being heavily shot up, for in addition to bombardments by the Air Force and the Fleet it is now also commanded by British artillery.

By way of reply the Italians have established an 11-inch naval gun, firing 100-lb shells, in the southern sector of Bardia's defences. The British troops have affectionately christened the gun "Bardia Bill."

The work being done by our advanced patrols is astonishing.

Coast Dominated

One armoured car patrol spent Christmas Day sitting on an Italian aerodrome due south of Tobruk which was formerly the Italian main base for bombing Egypt.

Other patrols have established themselves right along the coast-line between Bardia and Tobruk ever since Christmas Eve, and a number of Italian prisoners have been captured among the rocky ravines in this part of the coast.

Admirable work is being done to ensure supplies reaching the

most advanced troops.

We passed streams of lorries full of cheerful troops. The lorries were emblazoned with nicknames like "Marion of Newcastle" or "Hilda of Glasgow."

Masses Of Material

Masses of captured Italian lorries and guns continue to accumulate, emphasising that Marshal Graziani must have been seriously deprived of material for the further defence of Libya.

A smiling young Intelligence officer at Headquarters showed me a list enumerating part of the Italian stock taken, including over 1,000 lorries, 120 field-guns, 70 tanks, and 600 Bren guns.

And this is only a portion of what the final total will be.

Nevertheless full preparations have been made to provide for the eventuality of Graziani trying to relieve Bardia.

The more one sees of conditions at the front the clearer becomes realisation of the magnitude of the achievement of our forces.

Rigorous Conditions

As one dust-covered officer put it: "Tanks aren't touring cars," and the rapidity and extent of the Italian retreat has thrown the greatest strain both on tanks and other vehicles which must be serviced in the field, sometimes under fire.

All officers and men of tank crews have been living under most rigorous conditions for the past three weeks, eating bully-beef and biscuits and sleeping beneath their vehicles despite the severity of the weather.

The task of finding a way about the trackless desert is considerable. Yesterday, as we were trying to return to Sollum after a tour of the escarpment, we had an illustration of this.

Delayed by a mechanical breakdown, our car was overtaken by a sandstorm and we spent much time cruising the desert searching for "Hell Fire Pass." Finally darkness fell before we could locate our base camp.

Earth Shook

Five of us spent the night huddled in the car while the wind howled outside and sand whirled in through every chink and the earth shook with the reverberations of distant guns.

These conditions are typical of those in which our troops have been fighting since the beginning of the campaign, though the fact that the weather is now slightly less cold has brought some alleviation and they are receiving encouragement from the constant arrival of fresh reinforcements.

But as communications are stretched out, it can only be expected that our progress in Libya will be slower than hitherto. The Battle of Bardia is a slog and no blitzkrieg.

Air Circuses

Recent Italian bombings of Sollum, Sidi Barrani, their main air bases, have been carried out by nocturnal air circuses, according to reports, and the possibility of our landing operations.

ROOSEVELT ROUSES THE NAZIS

"Playing with fire" is the comment of the German radio on President Roosevelt's fireside chat, the commentator adding that political circles in Berlin consider the address does not differ from previous pronouncements and assert that "the number of untruths seem to have increased."

Regarding the alleged threat to the South American countries, opinion in Berlin is that such threats originate in North America and it is the United States which is demanding bases from South America.

What the German news agency describes as President Roosevelt's attempt to bring discredit in the German-Italian alliance is said to be regarded in Berlin as "tactless, clumsy, not to the point and similar to the attempt made by Mr. Churchill."

Old Theme

The agency declares President Roosevelt is conjuring up a danger to his people which does not exist.

"He wants to force himself against his will and against his own interests to engage in a conflict which Britain let loose."—Reuter.

MOBILISATION RUMOUR DENIED

Reports that Hungary had ordered mobilisation or intended to do so were officially denied in Budapest yesterday, says — Reuter.

The composition of these circuses is striking testimony of the respect in which the Italians hold the British and Australian Air Forces.

About half a dozen bombers are escorted by about 40 fighters. In most recent encounters our fighters have shown that even this technique is not completely safe.

Little formations of from three to eight fighters are regularly tackling the Italian circuses and in the last three engagements have shot down at least eight Italians, and probably a number more, without the loss of a single British machine.—Reuter.

Cairo Communique

British artillery has again been active in the Bardia area says a communiqué issued by General Headquarters in Cairo.

On the Sudan and Kenya frontier, patrolling and artillery activity continues.—Reuter.

SMASHING THE ITALIAN AIR POWER

RAPIDLY AND RELENTLESSLY pilots of the Middle East R.A.F. Command are smashing Marshal Graziani's supposedly formidable air forces in North Africa.

Since the 24-hour bombing hold-off on Christmas Day the R.A.F. has resumed the aerial offensive in the Western Desert with increased determination and vigour, smashing Libyan aerodromes and clearing the skies of Italian planes.

In 21 days of the great offensive the R.A.F. record had been astonishing: over 200 planes have been shot down, for certain, making an average of at least nine a day, without counting many planes smashed up on runways and in hangars.

One pilot officer informed Reuter: "We are destroying by low-flying daylight raids even more planes on the ground

than in the air. It is impossible to keep a record."

Against this British losses have roughly been 20 planes, the pilots of many of which are safe.

Day and night the R.A.F. is maintaining a ceaseless patrol of the Libyan skies, and the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria is clear proof of the serious position of the Italian air force.—Reuter.

BRITISH AIR RAIDS

TARGETS IN GERMANY AND THE LOW COUNTRIES WERE ATTACKED BY BRITISH BOMBERS IN THE COURSE OF RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS ON TUESDAY, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

The weather was unfavourable but bombs were seen to fall on a factory in Cologne.

Objectives in Rotterdam and in the docks at Vlissingen were attacked and near-flushing an anti-aircraft ship was hit and put out of action.

Two British aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

SHELLING OF NAURU

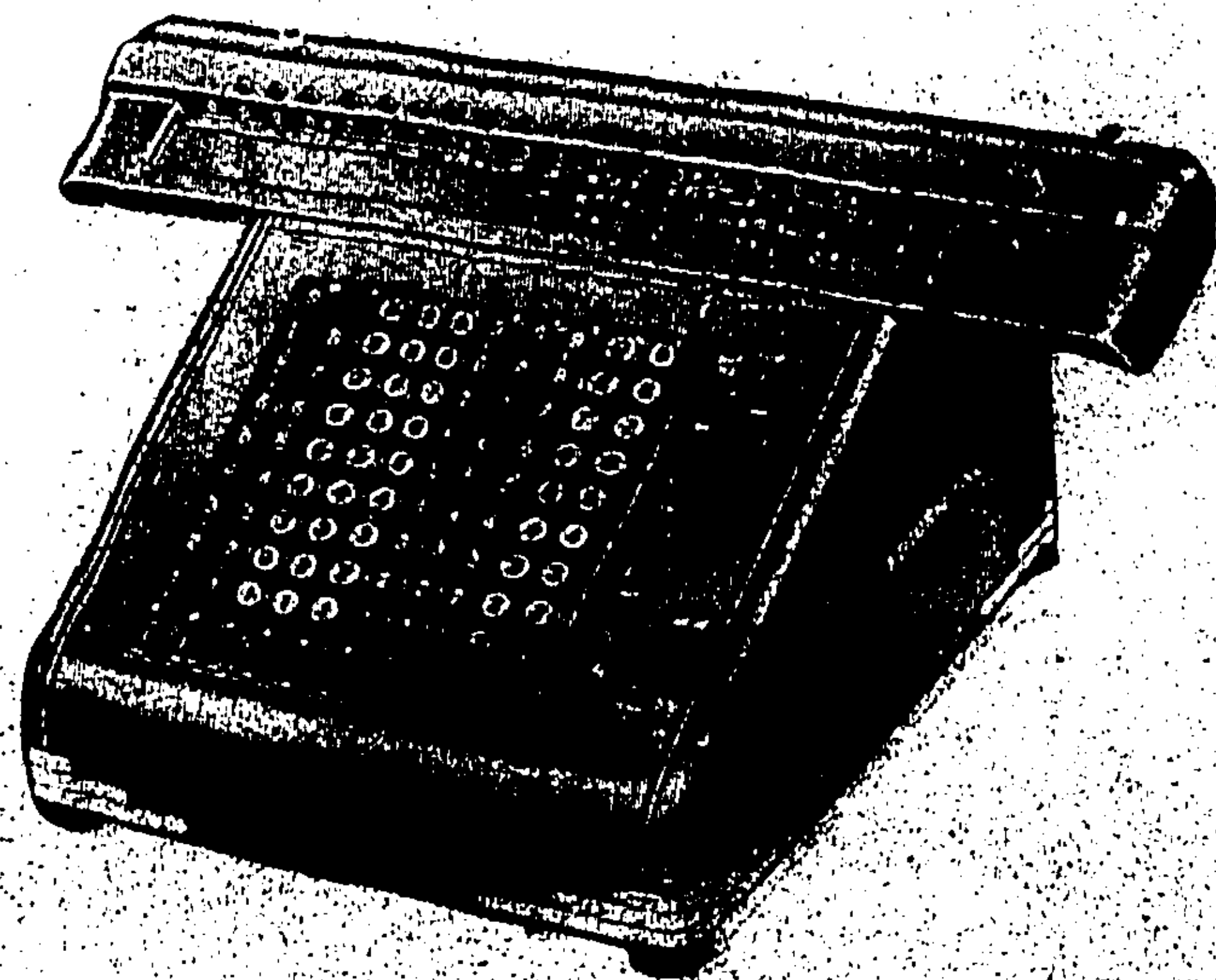
THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ACQUAINTED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WITH THE FACTS ABOUT THE SHELLING OF THE ISLAND OF NAURU IN THE PACIFIC BY A GERMAN RECONNAISSANCE CRAFT LAST WEEK.

Enquiries now make it clear that the vessel saw the Nazi flag during the bombardment, though Japanese flags were flown earlier.

The Japanese consul-general in Sydney hopes to make a statement on the subject today.—Reuter.

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NEW YEAR OPENS IN ATMOSPHERE OF SUBDUED CONFIDENCE

THE YEAR 1940 ends on a note of confidence and subdued optimism in Britain; on the threshold of the New Year Germany finds herself opposed by the unconquerable spirit and tenacity of the British peoples, now better armed and trained and surer of themselves and their strength than at any time in their history.

Though Germany has scored undoubted victories on the Continent she has failed in the chief objective—the downfall of Britain—and it is very significant that Hitler's New Year Order of the Day to his troops is defensive, not aggressive.

There are four courses which are probably being weighed by Hitler at present.

Firstly, an invasion of Britain.
Secondly, the occupation of unoccupied France.
Thirdly, a drive into the Balkans.
Fourthly, a drive into North Africa through Spain.

An invasion of Britain is undoubtedly a stroke that would cost a number of such as Hitler has admitted himself to be.

Britain Ready

Success against Britain would mean the final overthrow of Democracy, and Germany would be firmly established in overlordship of Europe and possibly the whole world.

But even a gambler calculates the odds, and these are steadily mounting up against a successful coup.

As far as Britain is concerned a possible ordeal is faced without apprehension or misgiving. There is no defection or Fifth Column activity in Britain.

Not Worth The Candle

Occupation of the unoccupied France would give Hitler access to Mediterranean ports and to a joint frontier with Italy, considerable loot and possibly some ships that could not be removed in time.

But it would almost certainly lead to war with the French Colonial Empire. The French Navy would be a foe instead of a neutral, and the game hardly seems worth the candle.

Balkan Snags

A drive into the Balkans is an idea which Hitler's propaganda services have been encouraging by reports of troop concentrations in Rumania.

Except that help could more quickly be given to the sorely beset Italian troops in Albania, the advantage of a Balkan campaign would hardly seem to balance the added responsibilities and risks.

Nor has Bulgaria nor Yugoslavia have shown any disposition to follow Rumania's example of servile submission.

There is, besides, the positive hostility of Turkey to be reckoned with, as well as the potential antagonism of Soviet Russia.

A Tough Nut

The possibility of a drive through Spain has certainly receded into the background lately.

It would involve a tremendous extension of the German lines and yield very little material benefit. Besides, Gibraltar would prove an easy nut to crack.

Of the four possibilities open to Hitler, therefore, none is very inviting, and all have major snags. But, time is wearing and there is no time Hitler cannot do at all.

AIRCRAFT CONVOY WORK

Ship-borne cargoes, averaging in value approximately £4,000,000 daily throughout the year, have been protected by aircraft of the Coastal Command engaged on convoy duties.

Over 40,000 ships, divided into some 2,000 convoys, have been escorted in this work, involving 34,000,000 miles of flying, says an Air Ministry bulletin in London.

Another bulletin states that anti-aircraft batteries operating in the British Isles have shot

15 SIAMESE KILLED IN BORDER CLASH

Fifteen Siamese, including two officers, were killed when a reconnaissance force from Thailand engaged an Indo-Chinese motor-cycle platoon north of Poipet, says a Hanoi despatch to the Havas news agency.

The despatch adds the only casualty on the French side was one wounded.—Reuter.

down and destroyed 444 enemy aircraft during the year.

Of these, 334 have been destroyed since September 1, making an average of nearly three per day.

The total does not include a very considerable number of enemy aircraft damaged, only those whose fate was confirmed by independent witnesses being included on the "score sheet."—Reuter.

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Holding The U-Boat Menace At Bay

RAIDERS VISIT SZECHUEN

Japanese aircraft in two groups raided Szechuen on Monday, the first group, of nine planes, bombing Chengtu, while no details of the activities of the second group, also of nine aircraft, have yet been received in Chungking.

The alarm sounded in Chungking at 9.45 a.m. but no urgent alarm was sounded and raiders never appeared in the vicinity of Chungking, where the all-clear sounded at 1.20 p.m.

Chengtu was subjected to one of the longest air alarms it has experienced but no bombs were dropped in the city, the raiders seeming to concentrate on the south airfield, which was machine-gunned continuously for over half an hour.

Some bombs were also dropped but the extent of the damage is unknown.

The planes, a kind of fighter-bomber, were over Chengtu or environs for over an hour, leaving about 12.14 p.m. though the all-clear did not sound till an hour later.—Reuter

HOW BRITAIN is holding the U-boat and air menace to British shipping at bay, despite the loss of the French Navy's help, the huge increase in submarine bases available to the enemy and the increase in enemy submarines owing to Italy's entry into the war, was described on New Year's Eve by a naval spokesman in London, reviewing the first sixteen months of the war at sea.

"At no time," he said, "has the enemy made us feel that he will succeed in his efforts to prevent the British Isles from obtaining the necessary supplies of food and materials to bring the war to a successful conclusion."

The spokesman continued: "Enemy efforts to close the entrances to our harbours by mines, raids from the air and by E-boats have been defeated."

"The air menace to coastal convoys has been successfully countered and it is fair to say we control the Mediterranean."

"The much-vaunted E-boats must have proved a disappointment to Germany."

Escort Problem

"Where the enemy has been achieving a certain measure of success is in his attacks on shipping in the western approaches to Britain, though even here he must be disappointed with the actual results obtained. "We must," the spokesman emphasises, "have larger escorts for British convoys."

Counter-Measures Succeeding

"We cannot hope to eliminate the submarine altogether but it is hoped that the fewer sinkings of the last two weeks are a sign that counter-measures we are taking will succeed in reducing materially the effect of enemy operations."

"We must expect hard knocks from time to time but during all these first sixteen months of war we have maintained our objective and are determined to do so until final victory."—Reuter.

INDIA'S SUPPORT

"By supporting Britain, India would be supporting herself," declared Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, at the Indian National Liberal Conference in Calcutta on Tuesday.

He was moving a resolution, which was carried, expressing appreciation of "Britain's heroic efforts," asking for the whole-hearted assistance of the Indian people in the war and expressing confidence in an Allied victory.—Reuter.

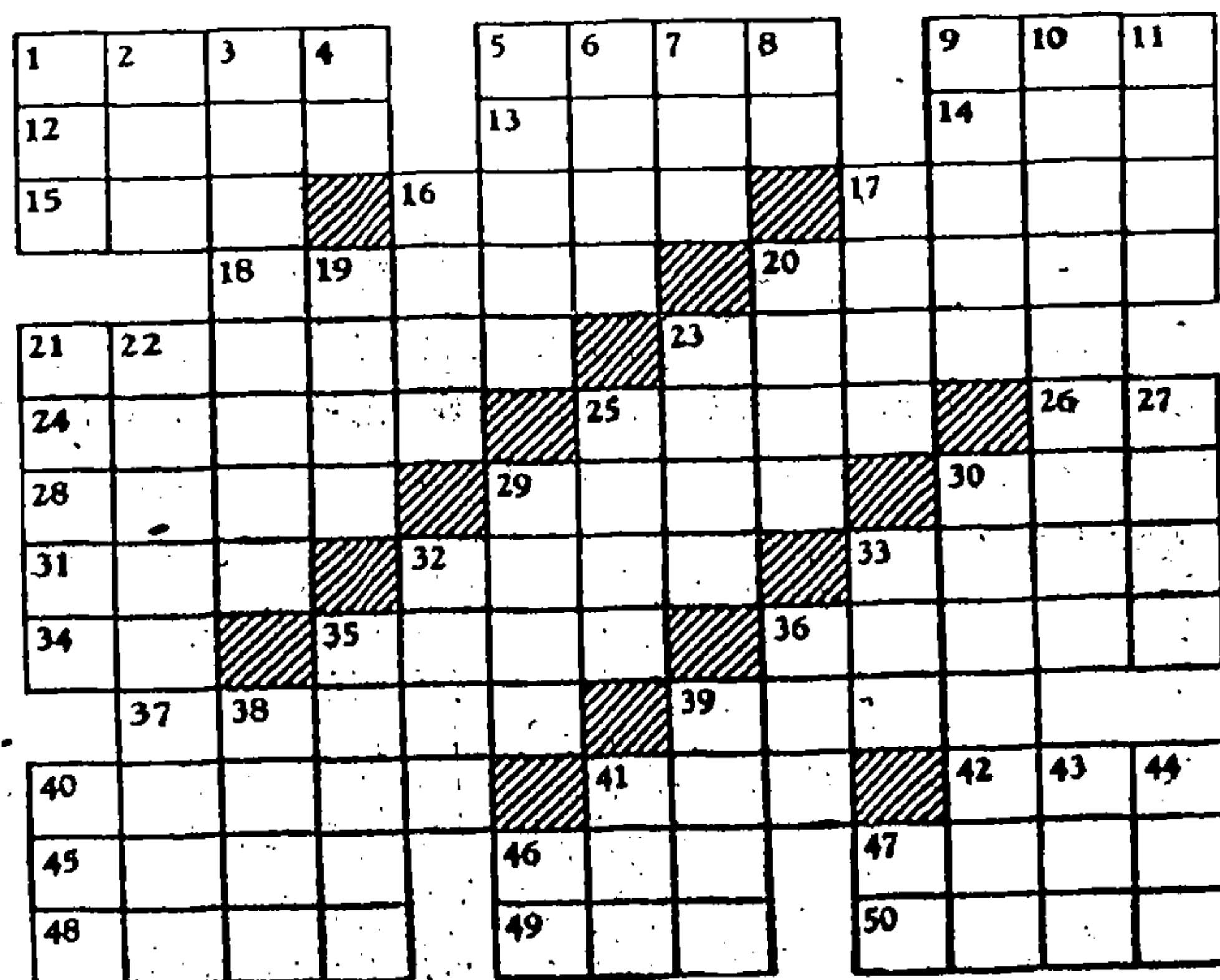
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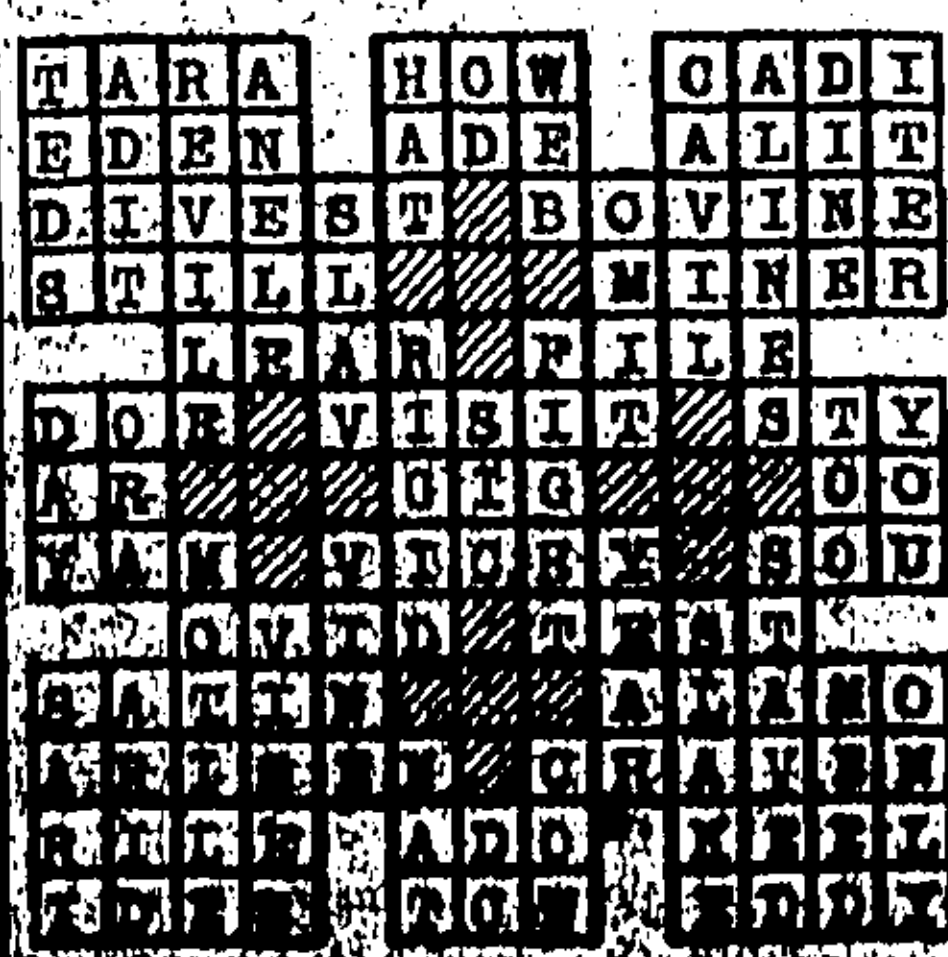
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- 17 Exchange premium
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- 20 Supporter
- 21 Shallow vessel
- 22 To repeat
- 23 Tie
- 25 End of a hammer-head
- 27 American patriot
- 29 Act
- 30 To appreciate fully
- 32 Short distance
- 33 Greek letter
- 35 Fruit of the oak
- 36 To sink
- 38 To the sheltered side
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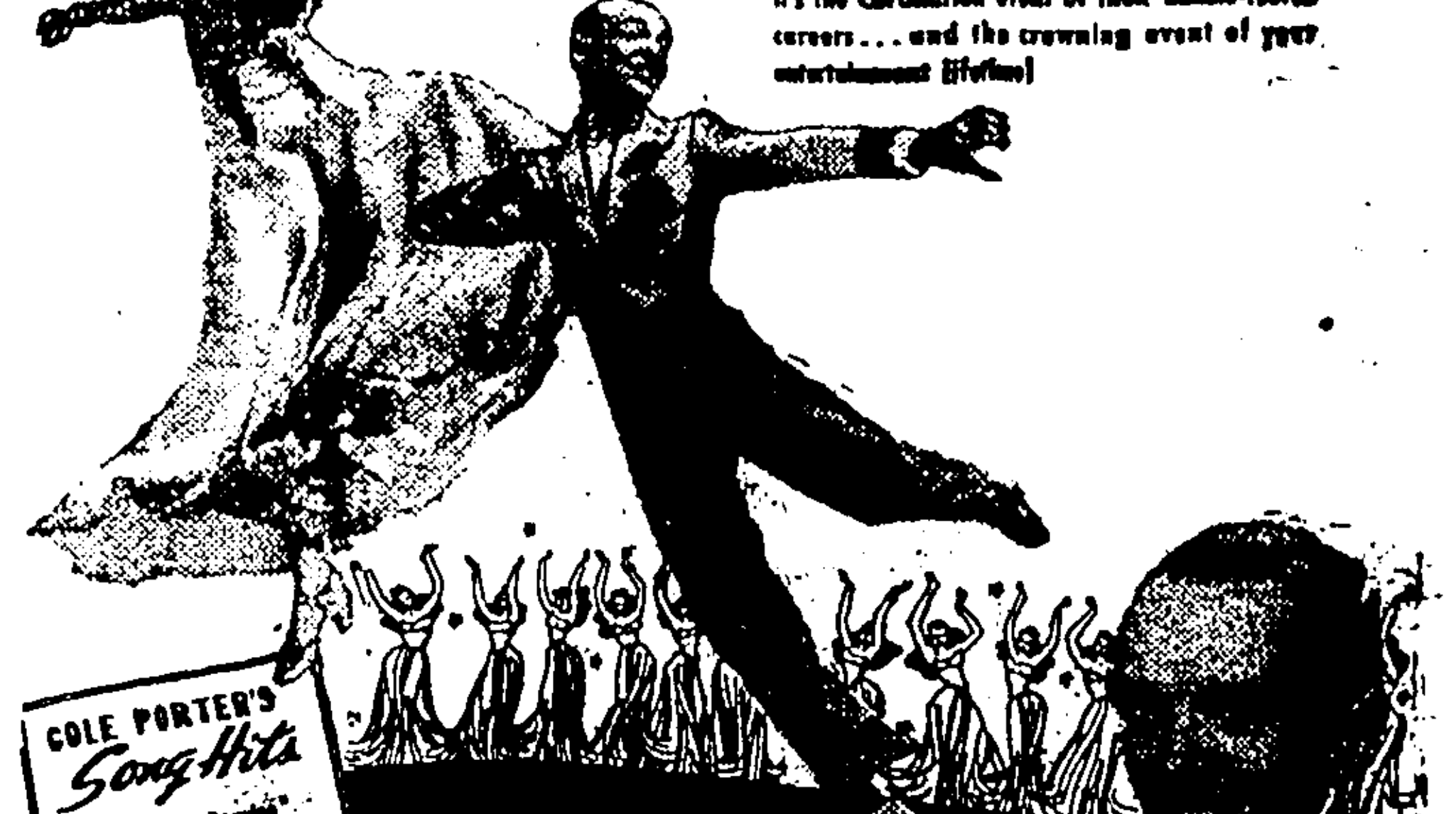
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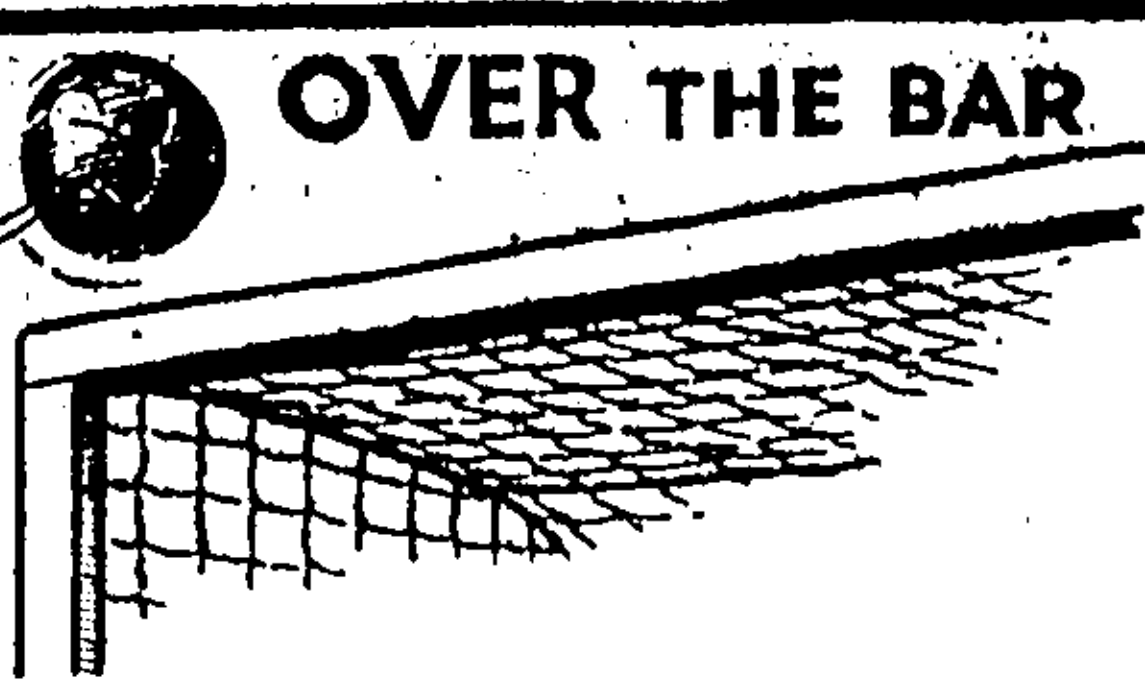
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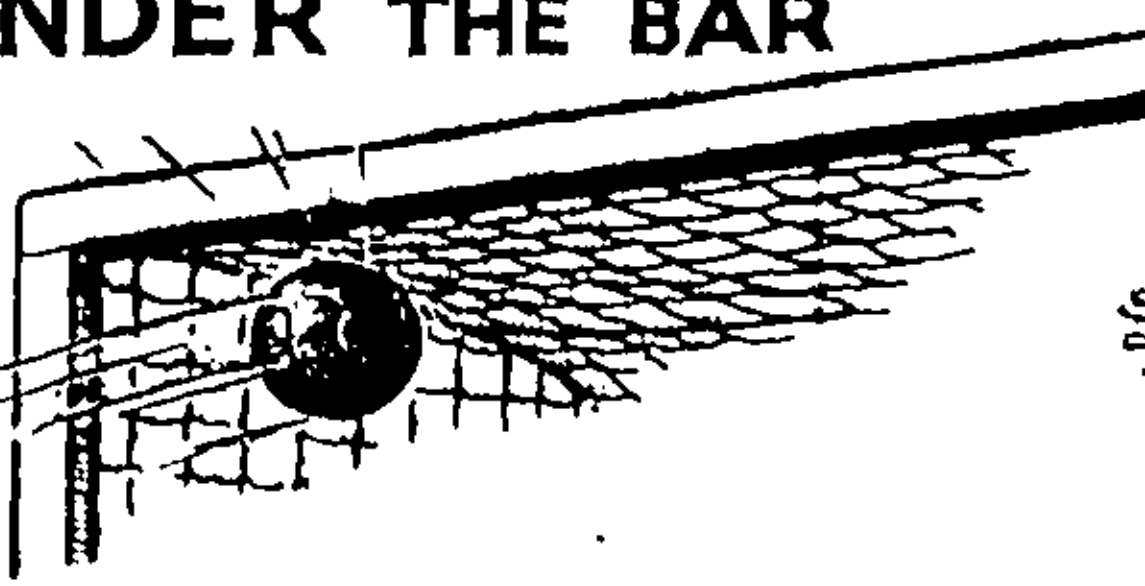
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CHINA IMPRESSED BY NEW VIGILANCE OF DEMOCRACIES

CHINESE CIRCLES in Chungking attach the greatest importance to President Roosevelt's speech, being of opinion that it indicates the President not only promised increased assistance to China but has gone further by hinting that Japan must be defeated.

Reaction to the speech is contained in a statement by the official Central News Agency, which states: "Chinese are more than confident the Democracies will win, comment observers after a careful study of the contents of President Roosevelt's fireside broadcast.

"By converting the United States into a great arsenal of Democracy and giving the fullest support to nations fighting aggression, Chinese circles believe the United States will not only be able to minimise the danger of her participating in war either on the Atlantic or Pacific side, but will also be eliminating future threats of war.

Further Aid Expected

"They fully concur with President Roosevelt's view that the best way to prevent the American people, their children and grandchildren from being embroiled in war is to give every support to nations resisting aggression. "At the same time they are deeply convinced that the United States will grant even more concrete and practical aid to China in future, to enable her to quickly achieve final victory."

Mind Made Up

Meanwhile the Shanghai "Evening Post and Mercury" declares that despite Axis threats the United States will continue to support the actions of people who are victims of aggression.

"Britain and China and all nations battered by the forces of totalitarian aggression can count on American support. America's mind is made up and cannot be changed by threats."

Democracies' Arms Factory

In an editorial on President Roosevelt's speech and the British initiative in Libya, the Shanghai "Shun Pao" praises the new vig-

our shown by the Democracies which gives the lie to the view that only Dictator nations can be strong.

The "Chinese-American News," praising the speech, describes the United States as the Democracies' arms factory and points out that President Roosevelt did not promise not to send troops to the Far East but only to Europe.—Reuter.

SHIPPING LOSSES BELOW WEEKLY AVERAGE

Allied mercantile shipping losses during the week ended December 23 are again well below average.

The Admiralty announced in London that during that week 18 ships were sunk, representing a tonnage of 43,300. Of these 15 were British.

Average weekly losses during the war, excluding Dunkirk, have been 63,287 tons.—Reuter.

DECLARATION OF INDUSTRIAL WAR BY U.S.A.

THE BRITISH PRESS is unanimous in expressing gratitude to President Roosevelt for his "fireside talk" on Sunday evening which, "The Times" says, will rank among the greatest of many great speeches the President has made upon the Nazi menace to human freedom.

With convincing force and clarity, it adds, the speech sets out reasons why the United States, in the interests of her own security, must send "every ounce and every ton of munitions and supplies that we can possibly spare" to help those who are holding the front line against world conquest.

Throughout the address it is noteworthy how greatly concerned the President is to keep all American Republics in line in the defence of Democratic principles upon which they have based their political and social structure.

Some of President Roosevelt's critics complain that the speech gives no details and sets out no new plans or proposals, but this is to mistake its purpose, which was to set the facts of the situation clearly before the American people.

Challenge Taken Up

The London "Daily Telegraph" says the President took up the challenge with which the Axis powers have threatened the United States and answered it.

President Roosevelt was speaking primarily to his own people but the warnings against Nazi strikes dealt deadly blows at the cunning of Berlin.

The three-power pact between Germany, Italy and Japan was never likely, except in the delusions of the Dictators, to sway the policy of the United States.

President Roosevelt's denunciation of it has had precisely the opposite effect to that which its authors intended.

Hitler Won't Like It

The "Daily Express" says: "What do we think of President

Roosevelt's speech? We think Hitler won't like it."

The newspaper pays a tribute to the President's patent achievement in convincing United States workers that their own security depends on a British victory and in making them see the need to work at war pace in peace.

The newspaper continues he mentioned that a bomber could already fly the Atlantic both ways without refuelling.

The Japanese Fleet

There was a still plainer hint in his reference to the Asiatic power which had joined the Axis in making threats towards the United States.

The Japanese fleet, even now, is a handful for America. That fleet, if it were aided by the remnants of the fleets of Europe under Hitler, could dictate its own terms to the United States.

The United States cannot build a two-ocean fleet in time. She must help Britain avert the need for it.

The "News Chronicle" thinks that while the speech was most specifically not a declaration of war, the Nazis might be excused if they regarded it as a declaration of industrial war. Britain is indeed thankful.—Reuter.

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AMERICA READY

The rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany is foreshadowed in reports from Washington based on the observations of well-qualified sources. Germany's sullen hearing of the Roosevelt "fire-side chat" is taken in some quarters to justify the belief that Hitler may make the first move and announce that Germany regards herself at war with the United States, interpreting American policy as a *casus belli*. Whether speculation of that kind is well-based or otherwise it would seem that events are moving slowly but surely to this climax.

The re-election of President Roosevelt was tantamount to a mandate for war. The American public voted on November 5 in the full consciousness that Mr. Roosevelt had never disavowed active military participation on behalf of the Democracies. Mr. Wendell Willkie's programme stopped short. The Republican lost not because the United States was unwilling "to change horses in mid-stream," but because his policy might ultimately have ended in disaster. Mr. Roosevelt made no secret of his intention to avoid war only so long as it was consistent with safety. That intention has been the keynote of recent public utterances by his Secretaries of State, Mr. Morgenthau, Mr. Cordell Hull, Mr. Stimson and Col. Knox. The Isolationists meanwhile have suddenly become aroused, which is indicative itself.

America's entry into the war had been repeatedly timed for a date not later than this Spring. Even before Japan threw in her lot with the Axis. The increasing chaos in the Far East coupled with Russia's enigmatical attitude may bring that date nearer. "The American Fleet is the strongest afloat. It is not only strong, but, thank God, it is ready," said Colonel Knox at Boston. That was a revealing statement. It showed how far American opinion had moved forward since the fall of France. The shock of that fall galvanised the United States into the most feverish war preparations. The danger that had seemed merely academic, had now become very real. A great Democracy in its hour of gravest peril had appealed to America, and America was ready.

Job With A Million Rivets

I shall get a big kick from the news that a certain new ship has been launched. That's expected to be in a short time. You see, I helped to build her.

Well, I had a spell with the pneumatic riveter, and, believe it or not, earned the commendation of the ship's designer and the riveting squad! And I can say I congratulated myself. I didn't think I had the nerve.

You know how easy it is to say "Of course, I can do that," when you're asked if you can do something you'd normally "side-step." That came my way. The designer-manager-magician of the ship-building yard I visited suggested we went to see this embryonic ship she's only a number at the moment on the stocks. We did.

Wading through mud and picking our steps through the thousand and one wooden contrivances that form the stocks, we got to the side of the boat.

"You don't mind heights?" he asked. "No, of course not; go ahead," I replied. And we started a climb up a sort of improvised ladder that seemed none too safe to me, that took us to the top-deck-to-be, 60 feet off the ground!

Now you can feel fairly comfortable in a boat at sea, with half her "body" in the water and with a nice safe rail to prevent you going overboard into water, but it's a very different matter when there's no rail and you're walking the edge with nothing to stop you falling to the ground.

I suppose this manager chap believed me, but I was glad he led the way. I just glued my eyes on his heels, made every step he took, dodging huge protruding bolts holding plates together beneath us . . . and I made it!

But that was only the beginning. On we went to the narrowest part of the structure at the bow end, where a squad of riveters and platers were working.

There they were, standing on supports no thicker than their powerful arms, lashed by the keen wind that made me shudder in my own precarious position, with utter destruction on every side of them.

Platers, astride on these narrow wooden planks, staging a veritable tug-o-war to get one of those huge steel plates into position. A false step, a slip; it would mean a death fall either to the ground or to the bottom of the skeleton ship. Yet they seemed oblivious of the danger.

Just ahead of them were the riveting squads whose pneumatic riveters shrieked and cracked against steel, each, it would seem, trying to overwhelm the other with its noise. It was here that I did my riveting. A word or two from the chief of the squad, and he handed me this little "revolver" edition of the pneumatic drill we see—and hear—in the streets.

A white-hot rivet is passed by the young heater; into its place it goes, and with the second riveter obtaining all the leverage he can

ca had been unable to help. That was months ago. To-day all Americans will echo Colonel Knox's "thank God, we are ready."

with a long-handled hammer under the head of the rivet, I set the "gun" working. The rattle went through every muscle of my body, the noise beat on the drums of my ears in a deafening roar while I pressed the "trigger." Five minutes of that left me just a little dazed.

These chaps do it 10 hours a day and their average is 300 rivets a day! No cissie job that, eh?

I watched others in less dangerous positions, but certainly no less comfortable. Crouching under the bottom of the boat were hand riveters; two of them ham-

By
WILLIAM GIBBONS

mering away in a race against the cooling of the rivet.

In this new ship there will be over a million rivets when she slips into the water, and every one of them must be perfect.

The carelessness of one riveter could well ruin a complete cargo of, say, foodstuffs or other perishable cargo. Water would seep through into the holds and there would be disastrous results.

Actually the efficiency of the ship is in the riveters' and platers' hands. All the steel, including the rivets, is tested at the rolling mills by Lloyds, who occasionally also supervise the testing in the shipbuilding yards.

But such is the skill of these men that there is seldom any complaint.

Then on to perhaps the most spectacular operation in the yard—frame turning. That's its technical



A cargo steamer takes shape as the ship's ribs are twisted in position.

cold day, are sweating from head to foot.

From my position, six yards away, the heat was scorching. Goodness knows how those 12 men only a foot or so away could withstand it for the ten minutes they took to shape the frame with hydraulic pressure machines. And they do that 16 times a day. There are 350 of them to complete before the "shell" of the ship is made.

Many more marvels there are in the yard. One, the shearing machine, fascinated and amused me by the simple manner in which it cut steel plating, half and three-quarters of an inch thick, with the same facility as a tailor cutting

He's manoeuvring the steel plate with the driving wheel and bringing a pedal into use at the correct second just over the mark for the rivet hole. With no more noise than a sharp rap on the table a hole is punched in the steel. And so he goes on along each line of marks. So ridiculously simple!

Altogether there is very little in the ship—the engines and winches excepted—that is not made in the shipbuilding yard. The town is completed by the blacksmiths who turn out masts, derricks and other cargo discharging gear, stanchions and handrails; joiners who make all the wooden fittings in the berths, saloon, general equipment; plumbers who prepare and fit the ballast pipes in the tanks, the pipes for degassing, and all sanitary equipment, and the carpenters, or shipwrights, who set the blocks for the keel to be laid on, erect floors and frames, lay wooden decks, and prepare the launching operation.

In six weeks they will all see the result of their labours when the ship moves majestically from her stocks, £14,000 worth of British craft and workmanship, to join the others, which—now awaiting the finishing touches—lay in the waters around this yard.

Others will follow. The berths, not only in this yard but in every other in the country, are full.

Every available skilled man of the shipbuilding yard is working at full pressure; the industry is at its peak in the drive to counter the Nazi menace on the seas to our merchant shipping.

Launching of the ship will be an occasion that calls for a little celebration. The whole family will join in—the family of workers who have been responsible for yet another grand ship from the century-old shipbuilding yard; from James Miller, 78-year-old night watchman, who has been there since he was eleven, and Taylor Hopps, 74-year-old gateman and ex-riveter, whose three sons are now carrying on where Taylor left off, to "Mr. William," as he is to them all.

"Mr. William" knows everything there is to be known about shipbuilding. One hundred years ago his grandfather founded the firm; his father and he have kept it going in spite of a depression that "killed" many others.

To-day, "Mr. William," at 69, boasts that he could build a ship himself! I don't doubt it. His father saw to it that he knew something about the business he was later to control, and he graduated from the drawing office, plating yard and riveting squad to management and chairmanship of the company.

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term; you'd know it better as rib-bending. Here a gang of a dozen men stand before a huge furnace with long long-like instruments in their hands.

The doors of the furnace are opened. Flames gush out, reaching, it seems, for those men, who, now bending towards the fire, grasp the end of a white-hot rib, 40 feet long and weighing between 25 and 30 hundredweight.

Slowly it is hauled out on to the perforated metal floor, flashing sparks and intense heat crowding on the men who, on this bitterly

out a suiting.

The plate was slid on to the table by half a dozen men (it's heavy and needs some handling) and placed against the cutter, and before you can say knife, it has been cut to size. On to a planing machine which takes off the rough edges, and it's ready for punching.

Here's another remarkable bit of work. Holes for the rivets must be in absolute alignment. So they have a machine that does the whole job—a tremendous mass of metal, operated by one man, who, perched up in the "dicky," looks on the man who, on this bitterly



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TWO HOUR FIGHT WITH RAIDER IN PACIFIC

CIVIL DEFENCE SLOGAN

"Keep at it" in the battle for freedom, is the slogan for the Civil Defence Services, says the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, in a message to these services.

Each day, he says, "sees the Civil Defence Services growing in efficiency, profiting by experience, becoming more compact and more disciplined, developing a stronger esprit de corps and coping successfully with each new manifestation of frightfulness which falls from the skies in a vain attempt to brook the spirit of the British people."

Thousands of brave men and women who sacrificed their leisure and trained in various branches of Civil Defence have undergone the ordeal by fire and bombs, he says, adding: "They did not flinch and they will not fail us whatever the storm." — Reuter.

CHINESE CONSUL AT BOMBAY

It is announced in Bombay that the Chinese Vice-Consulate there is being raised to the status of Consulate, from January 4. The New Consul, Mr. Tsiang Chia-tung, is arriving to-morrow. — Reuter.

SEVENTY WOMEN AND SEVEN CHILDREN ARE AMONG THE 500 PERSONS — BRITISH, FRENCH AND NORWEGIANS — WHOSE RESCUE FROM EMIRAU ISLAND IN THE BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO (WHERE THEY HAD BEEN LANDED BY AN ENEMY RAIDER ON DECEMBER 21) WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR. FRASER, THE NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER, YESTERDAY.

They comprise the passengers of seven ships — the Komata, Rangitane, Holmwood, Triona, Vinni, Triaster and Triadic.

It is believed that the survivors of three other ships — the Turakina, Notou and Ringwood — are still on board the raider and possibly certain service personnel from other vessels are on board also.

Mr. Fraser stated that it was reported, though confirmation was still awaited, that there were only 23 survivors from the Turakina, which is a British vessel of 870 tons.

The Turakina is said to have fought her attacker for 2½ hours before going down.

Five passengers of the Rangitane, a British vessel of 16,000 tons, are reported to have lost their lives. All were returning to the United Kingdom after escorting British children to Australia.

Four members of the Rangitane's crew are reported dead, including a stewardess, while another stewardess is reported missing, believed dead.

London Ships

The Chief Officer and Second Officer of the British ship Komata, 4,000 tons, are believed to be dead.

Others reported dead are Filipinos from the 6,000-ton Triadic and four Filipinos from the 4,000-ton Triona, both of which are London steamers.

Of the ten ships mentioned, seven are British, two are Norwegian and one French.

They have been sunk in Pacific waters over a period of several months.

Five hundred survivors have now been landed in Australia. — Reuter.

Stirring Call To Poland

A stirring call to the Polish nation to endure still further for "the dawn that is already high" was made yesterday by General Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister, in a broadcast to Poland.

General Sikorski said the Germans have now traversed the height of their successes and instead of ending the war last Autumn, they must improvise for a further course.

Mussolini had suffered a painful reverse and was a burden not a help to Hitler. He had laid bare the weak point of the Axis powers which might become in course their breakdown.

A complete change in the Balkan situation might compel Russia to revise her previous policy but peoples subjugated on the Continent are lifting their heads and strengthening their backs more and more impatiently waiting for the day of liberation which, for the Germans, will be a day of merited and severe punishment. — Reuter.

THREE MEN DETAINED

The police have detained three men in connection with the snatching of a parcel containing \$508 from Mr. Li Sing-kui, former Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, at about 7 p.m. on December 28.

Mr. Li was just leaving his car to enter his residence, No. 15, Robinson Road, when two men emerged from his doorway and snatched the money.



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Four New Peers In The New Year Honours List

FOUR NEW PEERS, ONE ORDER OF MERIT, THREE BARONETS, TWO PRIVY COUNCILLORSHIPS, ONE KNIGHT OF THE GARTER AND THREE COMPANIONS OF HONOUR, ARE OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF THE NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST.

The list is the first general list issued since the outbreak of war. It is remarkably non-political and recognises the devotion to the common effort of men and women in practically all walks of life, especially civilian war services.

At the head is Baron Camrose, Chairman of the "Daily Telegraph," who is promoted to a Viscounty. New Barons are:—

Lord Hugh Cecil, Provost of Eton and prominent churchman;

Field-Marshal Sir Edmund Ironside, erstwhile Chief of the Imperial General Staff;

Sir Robert Kindersley, who began work as a clerk at 10/- a week and is now a Director of the Bank of England and Chairman of the National Savings Committee;

Sir Boyd Merriman, the eminent judge who presides, inter alia, at the Naval Prize Court.

New Privy Councillors are Col. Douglas Brown, Deputy Speaker in the Commons, and Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions.

The Order of Merit is awarded to Professor George Gilbert Murray, the eminent scholar and Chairman of the League of Nations Union.

The Duke of Devonshire is made a Knight of the Garter.

Companionships of honour go to Mr. James Louis Garvin, Editor of the "Observer," Mr. William Morris Hughes, Australian Attorney-General, Mr. Arthur Henry Mann, lately editor of the "Yorkshire Post" and a former Director of Reuters.

New Baronets

Baronets are Sir William Coxen, late Lord Mayor of London; Sir Kenneth Lee, who is Director-General of the Ministry of Information and is now on the trade mission to South America; Mr. Hugh Lett, President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

New Knights include the scientist, Prof. William Lawrence Bragg; the painter, Frank Brangwyn; Mr. George Dyson, Director of the Royal College of Music; Mr. Frederick William Leggett, Chief Industrial Commissioner to the Ministry of Labour and well-known arbitrator in Labour disputes.

Women figure prominently — four becoming Dames Commander of the British Empire — Miss Irene Vanbrugh, for services to the Stage; Stella, Dowager Marchioness of Reading, Chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence; Rania Stanley, for public and social welfare services in Southern Rhodesia; Viscountess Craigavon, widow of the late Premier of Northern Ireland.

The List includes the British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, who becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

India, the Dominions and Colonies have their customary prominent share.

Overseas Knighthoods

Overseas Knighthoods include Mr. R. D. Nicholls, Speaker of the House of Assembly of South Australia; Edmund Charles Richards, Resident Commissioner of Basutoland; Manohar Lal, Finance Minister of the Punjab; and Khan Bahadur Azizul Huq, Speaker of the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath: Sir Charles Bonham-Carter, A.D.C. to the King and former Governor of Malta, and Sir Eric Phipps, former Ambassador France.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath: Air-Marshal Ernest Desile Gossage and Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George: Sir Harold

British Consul in China; Cheah Ewin Leng for public services in the Malay States; Major Wilkins Fitz William Chipp, Forest Engineer of the Malayan Forestry Service; William Bernard Finnigan, Registrar of Hong Kong University;

Frank Dorrington Ward, former Government Architect in the Malayan Public Works Service;

The Ven. Graham White for services to education in the Straits Settlements;

Tenku Bin Osman, State Secretary, Trengganu.

Members of the British Empire:

Warrant Officer Paul Evelyn Baskett and Captain Victor Cecil Branson, both of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force;

Lt. Abdul Hamid Khan, Malay States Volunteer Force;

Cecil Hugh Rabbetts, Archivist of the British Embassy in Shanghai;

Leslie Brewer, Chief Inspector of the Sanitary Department, Hong Kong;

John Schindeler de Villiers, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Straits Settlements;

Captain Eric Seddon Lilley, Superintendent of Prisons, Malay States;

Miss Ida Mabel Murray Simmons, Public Health Service, Straits Settlements, and

Miss Susan Frances Sutton, Principal Matron, Hong Kong.—
Reuter.

Science Recognised

Science is recognised by awards to Edward Victor Appleton, Secretary to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and to Michael Robert Thomson Leiper, Director of the Department of Parasitology of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin of the King, receives the D.S.O. He recently brought his destroyer "Kelly" safely to port after being torpedoed as well as his next ship, the destroyer Javelin.

Notable feature of the List is the recognition of the part played by the aircraft industry in the success of the R.A.F.

Sydney Camm, of the Hawker Aircraft Company, chief designer of the Hurricane fighters which have taken so heavy a toll of German machines, becomes Commander of the Order of the British Empire, and Frank Spencer Spriggs, managing director of the Hawker-Siddeley Aircraft Company, which manufactures Hurricanes, has been knighted.

The C.B.E. also goes to A. G. Elliot, chief engineer of the aero division of Rolls Royce Ltd., whose engines are used in both Spitfires and Hurricanes, while R. K. Pier-son, chief designer of the Vickers Supermarine, maker of Spitfires, has been awarded the O.B.E.

Assistant managers and foremen of famous aircraft factories also figure in the list of Officers of the Order of the British Empire.

Far East Figures

The Far East figures prominently in the List.

Commanders of the British Empire:

William Herbert Evans Thomas, British subject resident in Tientsin;

Vivian Gordon Bowden, Trade Commissioner in China for Australia;

Mr. Ho Kom-tong, for philanthropic and social services in Hong Kong;

and Sidney Bacon Palmer, for public services in Malaya.

Officers of the British Empire: Lt-Col. Lowthian Hume Child-son, Straits Settlements Volunteer Force;

Charles Eric Whitmore, —

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ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1939

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 24

By The Four Aces

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Neither side vulnerable

♠ 10
♥ A K J 4 3
♦ 8 7 3
♣ A J 5 4

♠ 8 5 2
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ K J 6
♣ 10 9 8

♠ 7 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K Q 7 6

♠ A K Q J 9 6
♥ 10 6
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ten of clubs, dummy winning with the Ace. South then overtook dummy's ten of spades in order to draw three rounds of trumps. The next step was to lead the ten of hearts. West covered with the Queen, and dummy won with the King. The Ace of hearts was cashed, and then the Jack of hearts. South discarding a diamond. Since the hearts had not broken, it was up to South to lose only one diamond trick; but West's holding made it impossible for South to make his contract from this point.

The evidence is all in, brother sleuths. Who was the criminal and what was his crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

South was the criminal, since he should have made the slam contract. His play was correct up to the time that West covered the ten of hearts with the Queen. But at that point, South should not have won with dummy's King! With no side entry to dummy's hearts, South should allow West to hold the Queen of hearts as a precaution against a 4-2 break in hearts. After making that play, South could regain the lead no matter what West returned and run the rest of dummy's hearts and discard all the low diamonds from his hand.

Besides this method, there are at least two "fancy" ways of making the slam, which readers who like "double-dummy" problems



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Tuesday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

Schenken Burnstone You Jacoby

1♥ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. The spades are a little too shabby to bid, and the hand is not strong enough to raise the bidding level by bidding the diamonds.

Score 100% for one no-trump, 50% for one spade, 30% for two diamonds, 20% for pass.

Question No. 603

To-day you hold the same hand, but the opening bid is different.

Schenken Burnstone You Jacoby

1♠ - Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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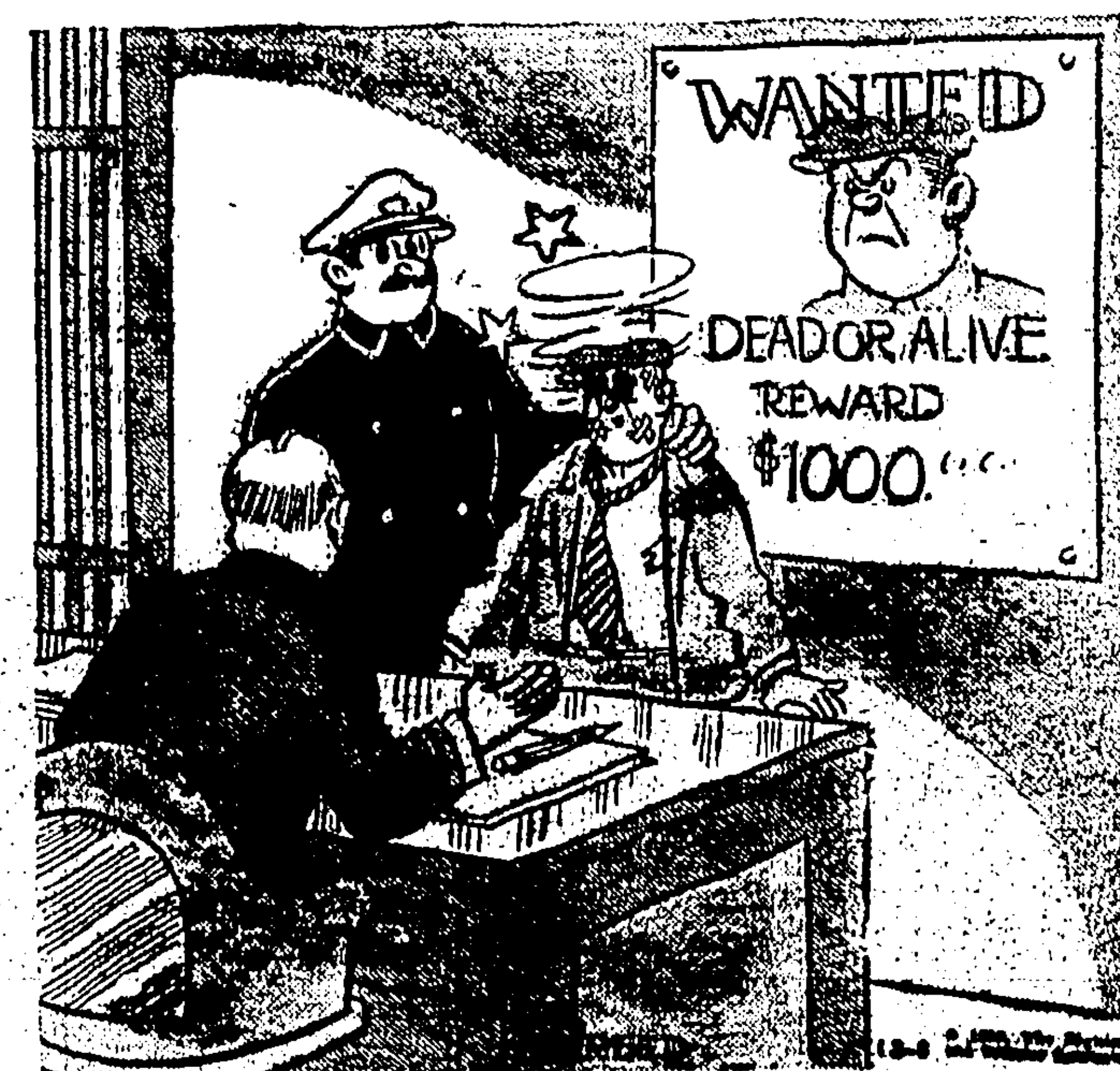
SERVE GERMANY OR GO

Herr Simon, German Governor of Luxembourg, wants only those officials willing to serve Germany's ends.

"All officials and civil servants in Luxembourg who are unwilling to serve Germany's interests, have now the possibility to leave the country for the south of France," says a new decree he has published.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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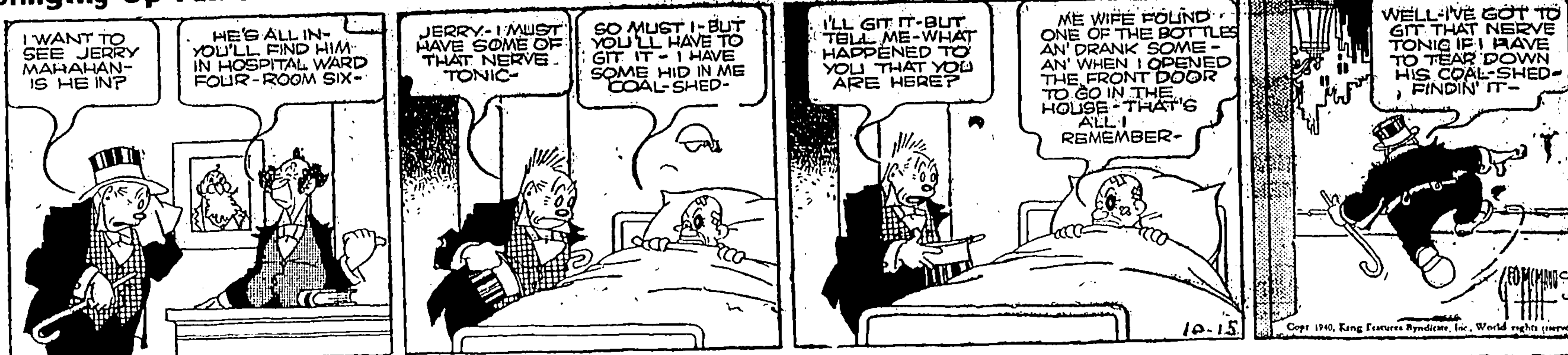
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By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



PREVENTION OF INFLATION IN UNITED STATES

THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD is to seek from Congress powers to prevent inflation arising from the United States defence programme.

In announcing the Board's proposal in Washington yesterday, Mr. Marriner Eccles, Chairman of the Board, said the move was purely precautionary.

"Inflationary tendencies, if unchecked, would produce a rise in prices which would greatly increase the cost of national defence."

The powers for which the Board are asking are:

Firstly, an increase in the deposit reserve requirements of all banks and authorisation for the Board to double these if necessary and make all banks, whether national or State, subject to these requirements.

Secondly, removal of the President's powers to change the gold value of the dollar, repeal of the Treasury's authority to issue \$3,000,000,000 of "greenback" money, and to issue money against foreign silver which it buys.

Future Issue

Thirdly, neutralisation of the expanding effects on currency resulting from United States purchases of foreign gold.

Fourthly, the sale of future issues of Government securities to individuals and corporations, not to banks.

Fifthly, a gradual increase in taxes until the Budget is balanced.

According to the Chairman's statement the Board complained that while it had responsibility for credit control it had insufficient powers to carry out those duties. — Reuter.



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AXIS ACHILLES HEEL

The difficulties surrounding the transport of Rumanian petrol to Germany were discussed yesterday in the "Gazette de Lausanne" which quoted the Petroleum News Service.

It points out that the freezing of the Danube, which occurred unusually early this year, leaves railways as the only means of transport and this is limited owing to lack of tank waggons.

Even if Germany could bring additional waggons to Rumania many would have to be used for petrol distribution within Rumania.

The recent quakes have also damaged Rumanian railways.

Italy, says the paper, provides further complications as she is competing with Germany for the use of the already overburdened Rumanian railways—a fact of first importance in view of the gravity of Italy's petrol situation.

Difficult Situation

Stocks in Italian refineries cannot be considered safe and the situation is rendered more difficult by the abandonment of military stocks in hurried retreats, while Italy's dependence on motorised transport over long lines of communication in North Africa is making holes in her reserves. — Reuter.

HITLER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

"A momentous year in German history has come to an end. The singular and overpowering sequence of events in their revolutionary significance for the future development of mankind will only be experienced in their full extent by later generations."

So says Hitler in a New Year's Eve Proclamation.

"We who are to-day experiencing this epoch cannot get away from the impression that the sway of Providence is greater than the purpose and interest of the individual."

The Proclamation says that when the German people, after years of collapse, were united by National-Socialism and found a way to recovery, their leaders were determined to create the

"RIGHTEOUS" PEACE FOR ITALY

President Roosevelt, replying to a New Year message from King Victor Emanuel, said: "I extend to Your Majesty very sincere wishes for your personal welfare and my hope that during the year to come the Italian people may be enabled to enjoy the blessings of righteous peace." — Reuter.

JAPANESE THREAT IN INDO-CHINA

The "Ta Kung Pao" in Chungking reported yesterday that the Japanese occupation of southern Indo-China is imminent, with the Japanese probably landing at Saigon and in Camranh Bay.

Over 100 Japanese aircraft are said to be concentrated on Hanoi airfield.

In a leading article on the Indo-China situation the "Ta Kung Pao" reveals that representatives of Indo-China revolutionary bodies held a conference on Sunday at which the "Indo-China" people's freedom movement committee was formally created.

The Indo-China Independence Revolutionary Alliance recently sent a representative, Ho Cho-hua, to China seeking Chinese assistance, and ten days ago he received Chinese pressmen at Kweilin, in Kwangsi, explaining the aims and activities of the Indo-China independence movement.

The Chinese daily, however, warns the Indo-China people against Japanese intrigues which are supplying arms and funds to certain Indo-China groups for uprisings. — Reuter.

WEATHER KEEPS RAIDERS GROUNDED

GERMAN AIR RAIDERS WERE AGAIN QUIET UP TO A LATE HOUR ON TUESDAY NIGHT, APPARENTLY GROUNDED BY CLOUD AND FOG.

For several hours after darkness had fallen no raids had been reported from any part of Britain.

Daytime activity was confined to a few isolated attacks by single aircraft in Kent and Sussex, and one raid on an East Anglian town where streets were machine-gunned without, however, causing casualties. — Reuter.

future of the nation by peaceful work, but the enemies of the Reich showed they wanted to hinder the restoration of the German people.

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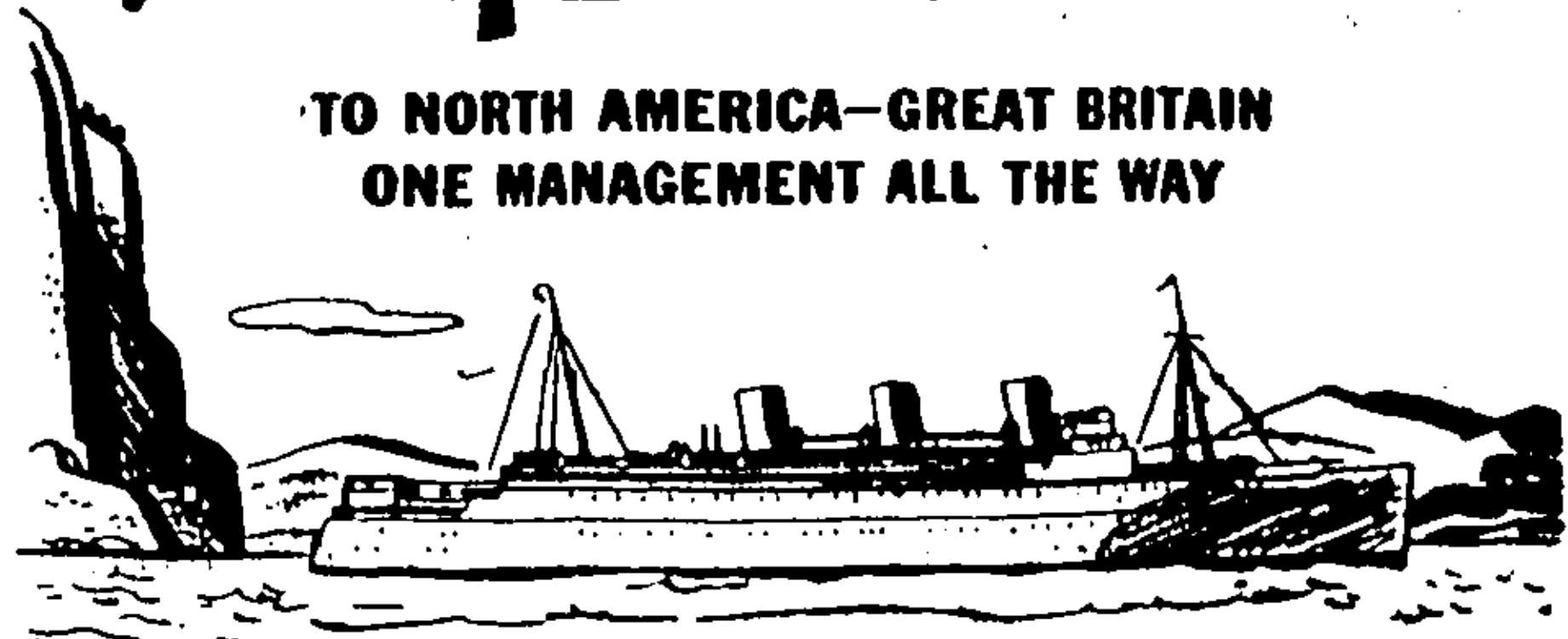
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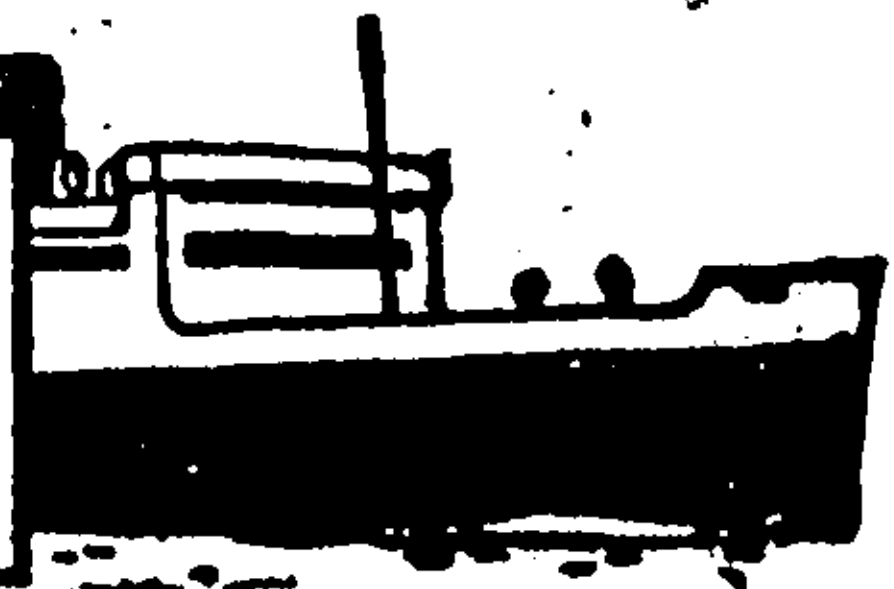
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Parcels	4.00 p.m.
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SUNDAY	
Holhow	5.00 p.m.
Sandakan	8.30 a.m.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Songs by Dorothy Lamour.
1.13 p.m.—Swing Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Strauss—"Don Juan" Tone Poem, Op. 20. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Fritz Busch.
2.02 p.m.—Songs by Maria Olaszewska (Contralto).
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—A Schumann Programme.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 p.m.—Brahms—Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 108.
7.55 p.m.—Brahms' Waltzes. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Eraga.
8.50 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude, Carmen—Fantasia (Bizet)—The Charles Herbert Opera Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
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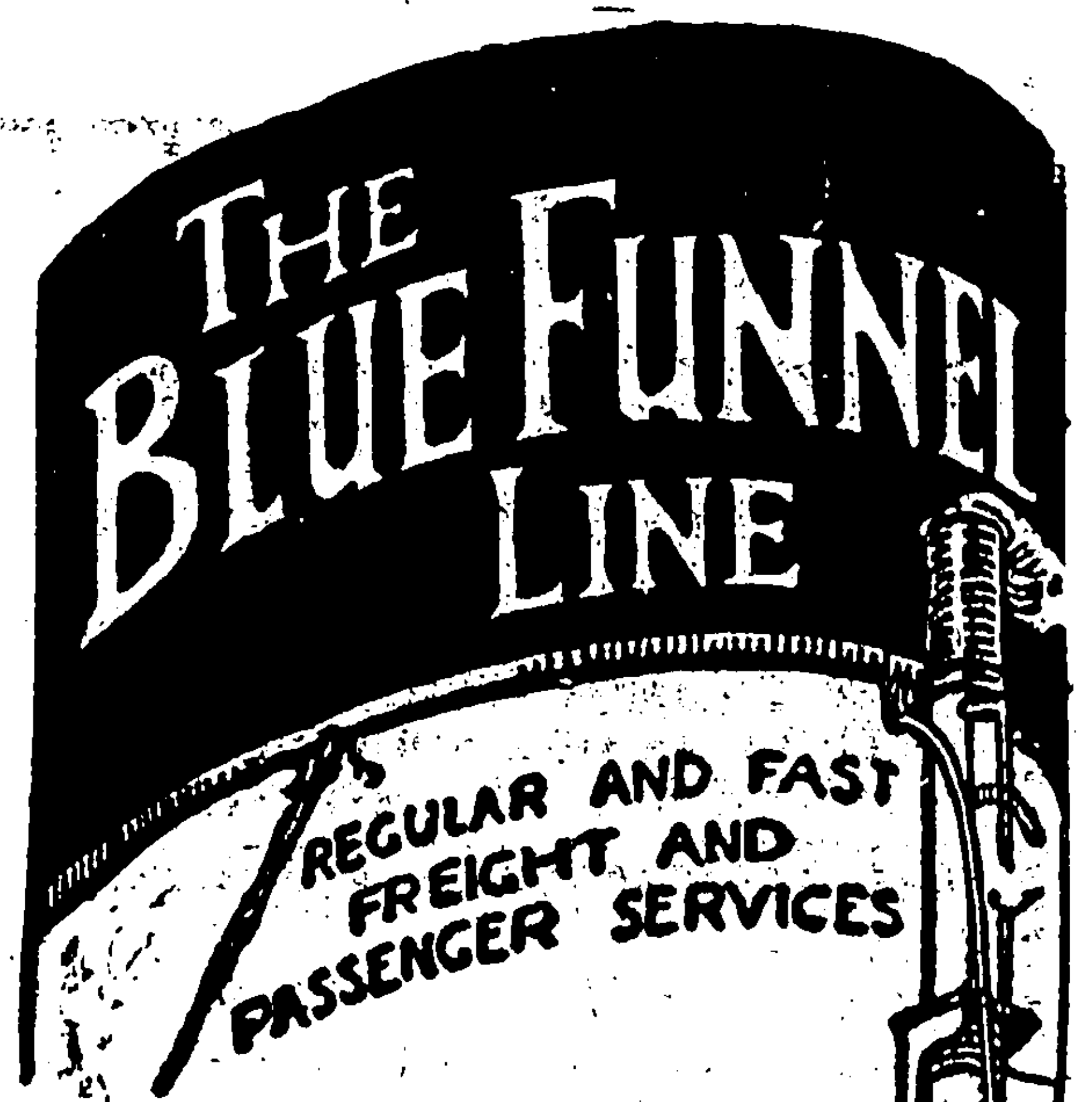
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BASEBALLERS BACK TO THEIR WINNING FORM

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Costly Error Loses Game For Canucks

By "Grandstand"

SNAPPING BACK INTO THEIR WINNING FORM, THE HONG KONG BASEBALLERS WRESTED THE SOFTBALL LEADERSHIP FROM THE SAINTS BY RINGING UP A 10-3 TRIUMPH IN AN ERRORLESS GAME LAST SUNDAY.

The Saints, losing the toss, went in to bat first and threatened in the first inning, when George Souza and Hery Ali both singled, but the former was nailed at the plate when attempting to score from third on Dave Leonard's slow roller to short, whilst catcher Joe Morris' bullet peg snuffed Leonard when he tried to burgle second.

In the Mohawk's home half of initial frame, Reardon's four-master to deep right opened the score for the Waggoner outfit, whilst a pair of doubles and a single in the next frame gave them three more markers.

Uprising Stayed

In the third semester, the Collegians staged an uprising, when Baseballer hurler Cy "Screwball" Jones loaded the sacks with three passes. Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard's two-bagger, with two away, pushed the first two runs across, while the third romped home on a passed ball. Ski Powlawski grounded out to end the rally.

The Waggonermen tallied once more in the next frame on Stan Leonard's wild heave, but the fielder made up for it when he snared Joe Morris' screaming drive over first. Centre-fielder Powlawski's miff of Leigh's high fly with two outs, was responsible for three runs in the fourth.

Cy Jones, on the mound for the Baseballers, scattered four St. Joseph's safeties, but issued transportation to first to eight, whilst Frankie Gonzales, on the hillcock for the losers, was nicked for nine blows which included a homer by Reardon, and doubles by Hearther and Morris.

Batting honours go to Joe Morris and Lou Sperry, both of whom batted safely twice in three times up.

Canucks Nosed Out

After taking the lead for six innings, the Canadian Chinese were nosed out by the Cyclones 4-3, handing out the game to their victors on a golden platter when hurler Geegee Lee muffed A. A. Rumjahn's pop fly in the last inning with one away.

Rumjahn romped home with the tying run on M. B. Hassan's double to right, whilst second-sacker A. R. Abbas' Texas Leaguer pushed the tie-breaker across. Sherry Bux and Barjey Abbas were next retired in order.



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In the Canucks turn with the hickory, Luke Bunn, who was given a life on a fielder's choice, offered second, but Herbie Quon and Ross Mark both flied out, leaving the tying run stranded.

Pinky Pineda started for the Cyclones and passed one, but was derrick in the fourth in favour of Kelly Silva-Netto, who pitched a two-bitter, shutting out the Maple Leafs for the remaining four chapters. Although the Cyclones were out-hit 7-4, errorless fielding stayed off defeat for them.

Indian Massacre

In the night-cap, the Indians massacred the Filipinos by 14-6, shutting out the Islanders for the first five frames. Eight costly bingles contributed to the Filipinos' defeat, of which third-sacker Rocha was guilty of no less than three, whilst centre-fielder Almeida dropped both flies that came his way.

Madeen Arculli surprised himself by banging out the only homer and triple of the game, at the same time garnering batting honours, connecting safely three in four times.

Kassa Nazarin, on the slab for the Indians, fanned two, passed five, and was nicked for five blows, whilst Tatong Amper, Filipino moundsman, walked four and whiffed two.

K.B.G.C. BOWLS MATCH

Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday held their annual intra-club lawn bowls match, members representing Scotland beating members representing England by 15 shots.

SCOTLAND		ENGLAND	
C. Wallis		J. Elphick	
J. McDonald		D. Turnin	
W. Orr		J. J. White	
W. Macfarlane (Skip)	18	A. J. Hall (Skip)	20
A. Morton		S. H. Shields	
W. M. Wilson		C. W. Jeffreys	
A. McNeil		E. A. Atkins	
R. Duncan (Skip)	28	J. G. Meyers (Skip)	19
W. Houston		B. Bicknell	
L. K. Duncan		W. T. Stoneham	
A. Macfarlane		C. E. Langley	
J. McKelvie (Skip)	23	L. Jordan (Skip)	13
R. P. Phillips		S. C. Walker	
W. Melrose		W. Crooks	
J. S. Dinnen		L. Sykes	
W. L. Walker (Skip)	24	H. L. Lockhart (Skip)	20
Totals	93		78

H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent H.K.C.C. 1st XI against Craggen-gower 1st XI on Saturday at H.K.C.C.—L. T. Ride, (Capt.), N. D. Booker, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Giffiths, M. F. L. Haymes, D. McLellan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry and J. E. Richardson.

LEAGUE SOFTBALL TABLE

SENIOR LEAGUE		Won	Lost	Pctg.
Hong Kong Baseballers	6	2	750	
St. Joseph's	6	2	750	
Cyclones	6	3	667	
Recreio Aoca	4	2	667	
Indians	5	3	625	
Chinese Baseballers	3	3	500	
Filipinos	1	7	125	
Canadian Chinese	0	9	000	
JUNIOR LEAGUE		Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	6	0	1000	
V.R.C.	5	1	833	
Recreio Bees	5	2	711	
Coasmos	4	2	667	
R.A.F.	4	2	667	
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	500	
Royal Scots	3	3	500	
South China	2	2	500	
8th R.A.	1	6	143	
C.B.A.	1	7	125	
Royal Engineers	0	5	000	
LADIES' LEAGUE		Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	7	0	1000	
Wildcats	6	1	857	
Wahoos	7	2	778	
Panthers	5	3	625	
Cardinals	4	5	444	
Ramblerettes	3	6	333	
Little Flowers	1	7	125	
Chung Hwa	0	9	000	
INTER HONG LEAGUE		Won	Lost	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1000	
Shell Oilers	3	1	750	
Lacas	2	1	667	
Chartered Bankers	1	1	500	
Texaco	1	1	500	
Cables	0	3	000	
Greenspots	0	3	000	

KNIGHT'S ALL-ROUND FORM

The fine all-round form of T. G. C. Knight was the outstanding feature of yesterday's whole-day cricket match at Chater Road between Hong Kong Cricket Club and Wanderers, which the former won by 7 wickets.

The Wanderers' batting was inconsistent but Grose, Pearce, Allinson and Denyer made useful scores and a total of 192 was reached. McLellan and Knight bowled very well for Club, the latter being in particularly good form.

Club lost Richardson at 33 but Perry and Knight added 83 for the second wicket and Griffiths and Knight 85 for the third wicket. The required runs were hit off for the loss of three wickets and Knight and Bosenquet took part in an unbroken stand of 55. Knight was at the wickets for 76 minutes and hit 16 boundaries. Griffiths' innings was bright and he hit eight fours and a six in his 48.

WANDERERS	
Major Grose, c. Baker, b. McLellan	37
A. H. Coombes, b. Baker	6
T. A. Pearce, b. Knight	37
Major Swyer, b. Knight	2
Capt. Skipwith, b. Perry	8
Capt. Lawrence, c. and, b. Haymes	14
Capt. Head, c. Haymes, b. McLellan	4
K. E. Allinson, b. McLellan	24
Sgt. Denyer, c. Ride, b. Knight	24
Capt. Dewar, c. Bosenquet, b. McLellan	8
Spr. Bailey, not out	0
Surg. Commr. Finnie, b. McLellan	0
Knight	1
Extras (B9, LB10)	18
Total	192

HONG KONG CLUB	
Baker	0
McLellan	83
Perry	8
Knight	11
Richardson	3
Haymes	3
J. E. Richardson	0
Coombes	0
T. G. C. Knight, not out	106
A. E. Perry, b. Pearce	25
H. Griffiths, b. Lawrence	0

WAHOOS MAKE NO MISTAKE

By "Grandstand"

OUT-HITTING THEIR OPPONENTS, THE GREEN-SHIRTED WAHOOS OVERWHELMED THE CARDINALS BY 13-5 IN THE ONLY INTERESTING TUSSLE IN THE LADIES' LOOP.

The Redbirds were retired in one-two-three order for the first four innings, in which they were held scoreless, but collected three markers, when Betty Fitzgerald and Natty Faladona reached first on a fumble and a pass.

June Hall, pinch-hitting for Zimmern, doubled Fitzgerald and Faladona across to break the ice for the Cards, whilst Therese Noronha's wild heave of Gilly Motta's bunt allowed Hall to score. Three more safeties in the seventh added two more markers for the Redbirds.

The Wahoos started to score in the first frame when lead-off batter Yvonne Yulle singled and pilfered second. Irene Castilho drew a pass, whilst Therese Noronha's slow boulder advanced the base-runners with two outs. Jackie "Sock 'em" Anderson's mile-a-minute base cleaning homer chalked up three for the Owls.

Cardinals Swamped

Three more tallies were added in the third, on a pair of safeties aided by a couple of Redbird errors, and Wahoos swamped the Cards with five runs in the fifth, on a walk, a single and three bingles. Two more tallies in the seventh cinched the game for them.

CHUNG HWA STILL UNBEATEN

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior loop, Chung Hwa retained their undefeated record by trouncing the Liga Portuguesa by 15-5 in a game featured by a third inning blitzkrieg, which netted the Chung Hwa seven runs to freeze the game for them.

Three safeties, including P. K. Lau's homer with one aboard, a walk and a Liga wild heave gave the Chung Hwa four runs in the first, but taking advantage of two walks in a row, the Souzamen garnered four tallies in the second to equalise.

With the bases choked in the third on a single and two passes, Chung Hwa first-sacker tripled to clear the bags, to mark the beginning of scoring spree.

In their half, Liga were only able to reply with one run, and were shut out for the remainder of the game.

J. T. Liu, hurling for Chung Hwa, limited the Souzamen to only six scattered hits, whilst his mates collected 13 off fork-handed pitcher Cesar Coelho.

Liu whiffed three, but passed four to first, whilst Coelho, who also walked four, only accounted for two via the strike-out route. Four-masters were banded in by P. K. Lau, P. F. Choy and Richard Chung.

Mentor Daddy Souza fielded in the right garden, due to the late arrival of short-stop D. Aquino, the breach being filled by T. Gill.

Dewar	4			
M. E. Bosenquet, not out	2			
Extras (B7, LB2)				
Total (for 3 wickets)	23			
L. E. Ride, D. McLellan, M. F. L. Haymes, D. O. Parsons, G. T. F. Cress, b. S. W. Paterson and F. Bosenquet, not out				
Bowler did not bat				
Bowling Analysis:				
O	M	R	W	
Dewar	9	0	40	1
Chanie	3	0	11	0
Coombes	7	0	57	1
Pearce	7	1	38	1
Head	2	0	17	0
Richardson	2	0	25	0
Baker	3	0	31	0
Lawrence	1	0	8	0

Big Chief Wahoo, Therese Noronha, who went the route, fanned four and walked one, whilst Efigina Babida, on the rubber for the Cardinals, passed two and accounted for only one Green Owl by the strike-out route.

Jackie Anderson connected for the only round-tripper of the fray, whilst Irene Castilho was good for a triple.

Two-baggers were clouted by Therese Noronha and Marie Roza.

The Baby Panthers shellacked the Little Flowers by 2-8 in a five-inning game, in which the Pantherettes nicked hurler Lily Silva for 13 safeties. Four-baggers were banded in by Theresa Marques, Celeste Guterres and Theresa Boteelho, the latter batting safely three in three to average a neat 1.000. Thelma Marques and Theresa Marques also accounted for a double apiece.

Ramblerettes Win

In the other tussle, the Recreio Ramblerettes subdued the Chung Hwa lasses by 28-13 in a game featured by free scoring on both sides. In the first frame the Ramblerettes returned 14 runs on only three hits, and scored in every inning afterwards, whilst the Chung Hwa squad chalked up 11 runs in the third on four safeties.

Ramblerette short-stop, Silva, batted safely five in six times to the plate, whilst Irene Lee's three in five was the best for the Chung Hwa side. Both of Ding Lopes' hefty clouts went for four bases. Gerry Jorge, tossing for the Ramblerettes, fanned one and walked two, whilst the Chung Hwa slab-stress gave away nine free passes and whiffed five Recs.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor, "The China Mail." Sir,—In your paper on Saturday last you had a Headline by Referee "Strengthened K.F.C. should give South China A Good Game." Then he gave a list of latest joined recruits.

Parting with my Dollar which alas could have been put to a better purpose, I was astonished and disgusted when a strengthened team of ten men took the field. This included marathon runners and leg weary men.

In days gone by players were informed by post card on the Wednesday if they had been selected to play on the following Saturday which gave them ample time to notify the secretary if they were unable to turn out. Now-a-days this is not done, whether in the name of economy or pure laziness I do not know so a player has got to guess.

K.F.C. authorities will no doubt congratulate themselves on the bumper gate, but the money was in my opinion taken under false pretences.

Pereira got a splendid write up in a Sunday paper, and I understand he was not there at all.

Football clubs owe something to the public in return for their support, and if they cannot do better than they did on Saturday Kowloon should change their middle name.

The Hong Kong Football Association might do something I think to put an end to this racket.

MIDFIELD: Blake, Bliz, Pereira and B. Goiano were all advised that they had been chosen against South China.

The first two were unable to play owing to injuries, and were required to withdraw at the last moment and Pereira and Goiano could not turn up for family reasons.

If the above players had turned out I still maintain that Kowloon would have seriously extended South China.

MASS LEVIES FOR FIRE FIGHTING IN BRITAIN

Dramatic Announcement By Mr. Herbert Morrison

FIRE LEVY DECISION NO SURPRISE

The British Government's decision, announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison on Tuesday night, to mobilise the people compulsorily if necessary, for fire-fighting, is no sudden change of policy or a panic measure, says Reuter's Lobby Correspondent.

The whole question has been under consideration for some months. The decision to apply the principle has now been taken on account of recent fire damage in the Provinces culminating in the warden attempt to destroy the City of London.

The chief difficulty to overcome is in regard to blocks of offices containing many tenants, churches, warehouses and other public buildings.

As far as householders are concerned, a good deal of voluntary work has already been done in providing fire-fighting parties and it is expected that development of these parties into bodies capable of dealing with the needs of each district will not take long—Reuter.

MOTOR ACCIDENT

Driving car No. 5005 in Chatham Road yesterday, Mr. Poon Man-wing, of No. 20, Bird Street, ran in the rear of car No. 5038, driven by Mr. He An Tjua. Both vehicles were damaged, but the drivers were unhurt.

Compulsory Scheme If Necessary

A MASS LEVY OF FIRE WATCHERS — SOME MILLIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN, HOUSEHOLDERS AND SHOPKEEPERS AND WORKERS IN OFFICE BUILDINGS, FACTORIES AND WAREHOUSE — WAS CALLED FOR BY THE HOME SECRETARY, MR. HERBERT MORRISON, BROADCASTING AFTER THE GREAT FIRE RAID ON THE CITY OF LONDON.

"We must quickly get to the point where not a single incendiary, wherever it falls, has a chance of taking a firm hold," he declared.

"It is dangerous work—dangerous enough to make an appeal to the best of your manhood and womanhood. Not a single house or building in our towns must be left uncared for."

To employers and employees of shops, offices and factories Mr. Morrison said: "The call to you is even more pressing than to householders."

"In more cities than one some of you lately have failed your country. This must never happen again."

Urgent Question

"I hope that these things will be done freely and that the response to my appeal will be full and overflowing."

"A great deal has already been accomplished. But more organisation is needed. Nothing will be left to chance."

"The question of fires raises in most urgent and direct form the principle of compulsory part-time service in relation not only to this immediate problem but possibly to other aspects of civil defence as well."

Everyone In It

"The principle of compulsion has to-day been affirmed by Government and details are now being worked out and will be announced as soon as possible."

"Compulsion will apply to everyone of every grade as the needs of the situation may require."

"Factories and businesses of all kinds, large and small, will be subject to severe penalties for any neglect of their obligations."

Crafty Enemy

"We have a shrewd and crafty enemy but we will beat him. Cheer yourselves with the thought that he only changes his tactics because we make him—because the old don't pay."

"Fall in, the fire-bomb fighters!"

Ugliness Of Nazism

Referring to Sunday's fire raid on the City of London, Mr. Morrison said: "Not one military objective was hit or aimed at but these irreplaceable gems of history— which London shared with millions of civilised beings who have never seen them—were all destroyed."

"Thus is revealed the blackness of heart and beastliness of spirit of these contemptible foes of all that is fine in human life; such is the ugliness of Nazism."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The first alert of the New Year sounded in the London area several hours after dark last night.

It came much later than usual and was the first time since Sunday that the sirens had been heard in the capital.

The alert proved short and no gunfire was heard while it lasted. Later in the evening a second alert was sounded.

Enemy planes were also believed to be over Liverpool and the Midlands.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Sensational rumours are spreading in Vichy that Germany is about to renounce the Armistice and occupy the whole of France.

The rumours are without confirmation but they have caused tremendous excitement.

A wave of pessimism has swept France and her people. Actually, there is no evidence of facts to support the rumours.

The belief prevails in some quarters that the rumours have been circulated deliberately by followers of Laval because of Marshal Petain's refusal to re-instate him in the Government.

There is a growing belief that Laval is determined to become a French Dictator. The personal position of Petain, however, remains extremely strong among the people.—International News Service.

The British system of navicerts and commercial passports is being extended to exports from Eire.

The Minister of Economic Warfare, announcing this yesterday, says that from January 22 it will be necessary for exporters in Eire to obtain navicerts for shipments to a number of specified countries, and ships sailing without a navicert will be liable to seizure together with any items of cargo not covered by individual navicerts.—Reuter.

ANGLO-SOVIET RELATIONS

Commenting on Anglo-Soviet relations the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury" declares Mr. Anthony Eden is more esteemed in Moscow than his predecessor, and with Sir Stafford Cripps as Ambassador, the chances are brighter than for years of Britain and the Soviet joining interests.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DECREE

Sweeping powers to control raw materials and factory products for the duration of the war were taken by the Italian Government under a decree published in Rome yesterday, says Reuter.

Knocked down by bus No. 783 whilst cycling near the junction of Argyle Street and Nathan Road yesterday afternoon, Lam Kwan was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

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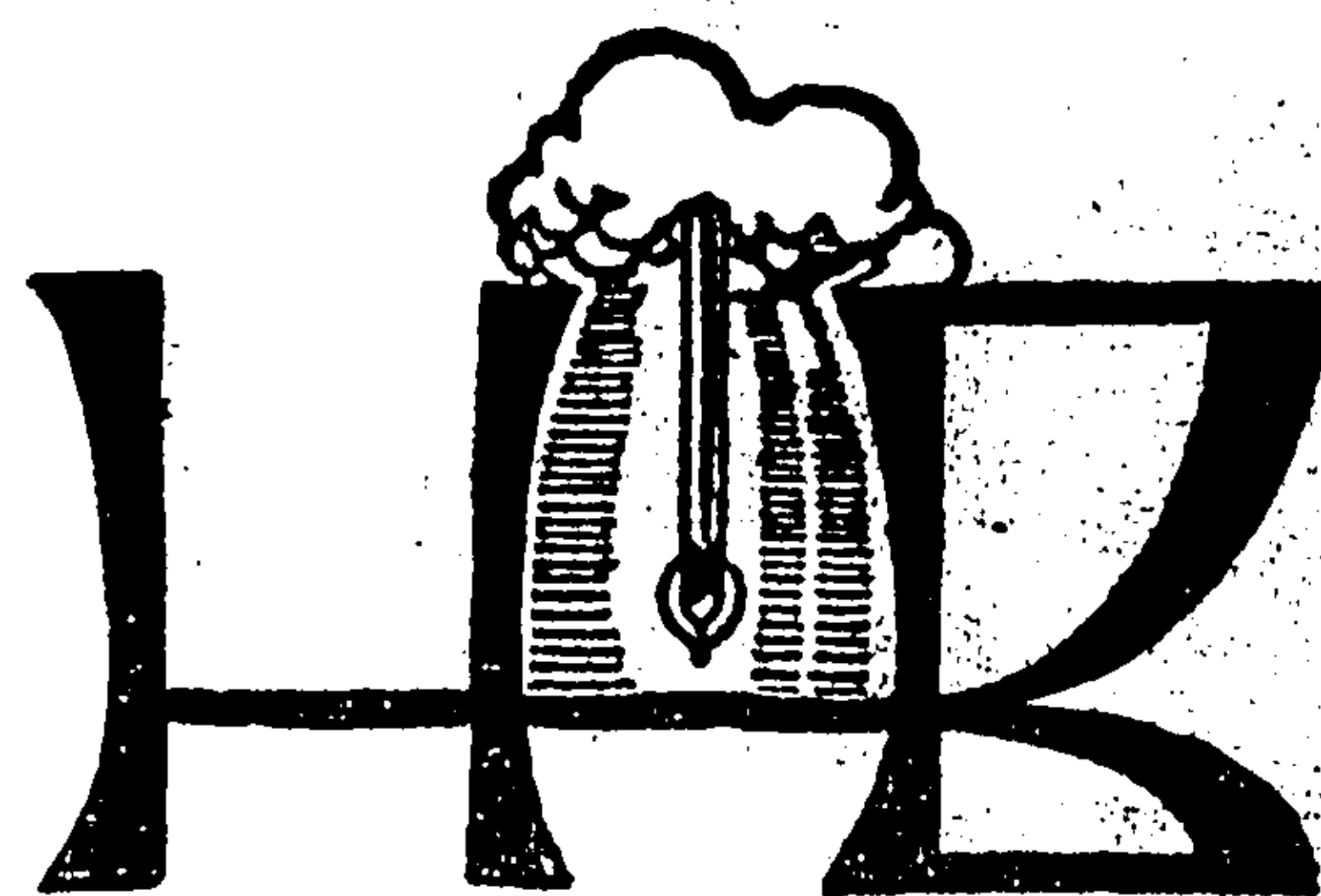
CLIPPERS FOR BRITAIN

THREE FLYING-BOATS OF THE ATLANTIC CLIPPER TYPE HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR BRITAIN FROM AMERICAN AIRWAYS AND WILL BE USED TO MAINTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS.

This is according to Mr. Morris Wilson, representing the British Ministry of Aircraft Production, in Washington yesterday.

The flying-boats are now nearing completion and, according to the "Baltimore Sun," a British crew is proceeding to America to study the operation of these aircraft.—Reuter.

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